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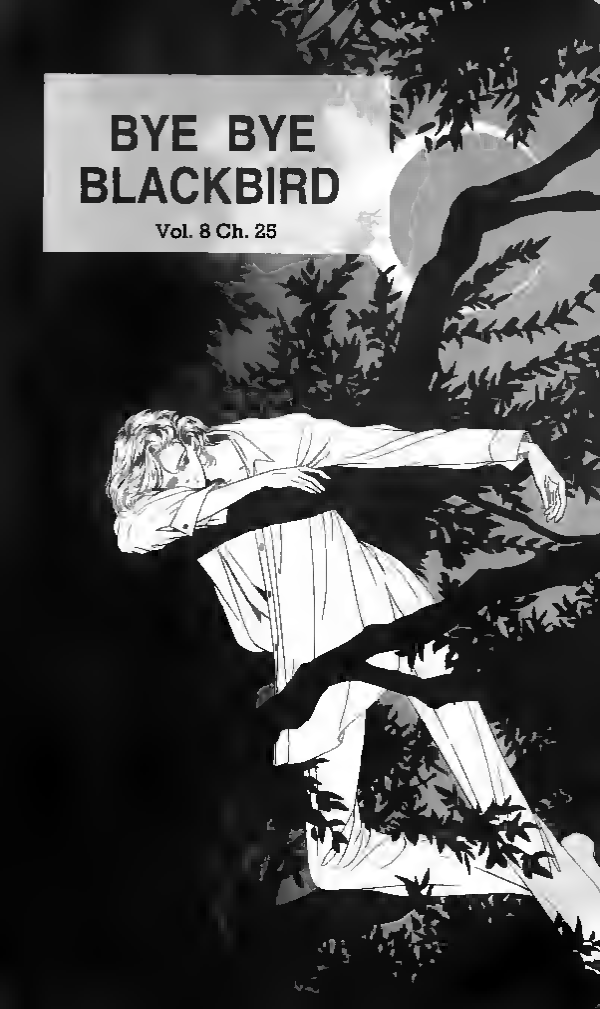
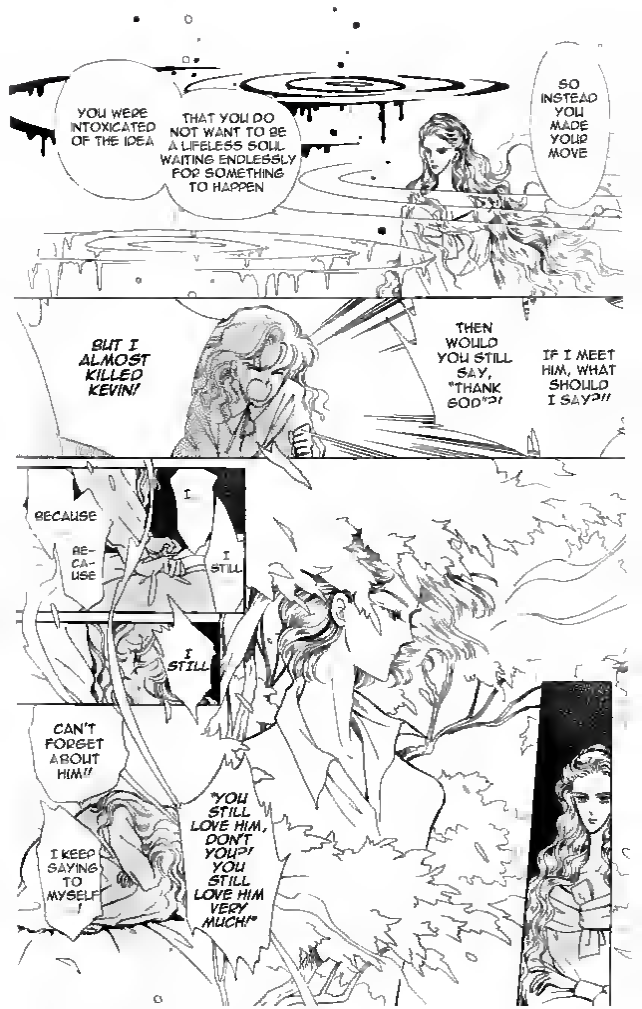
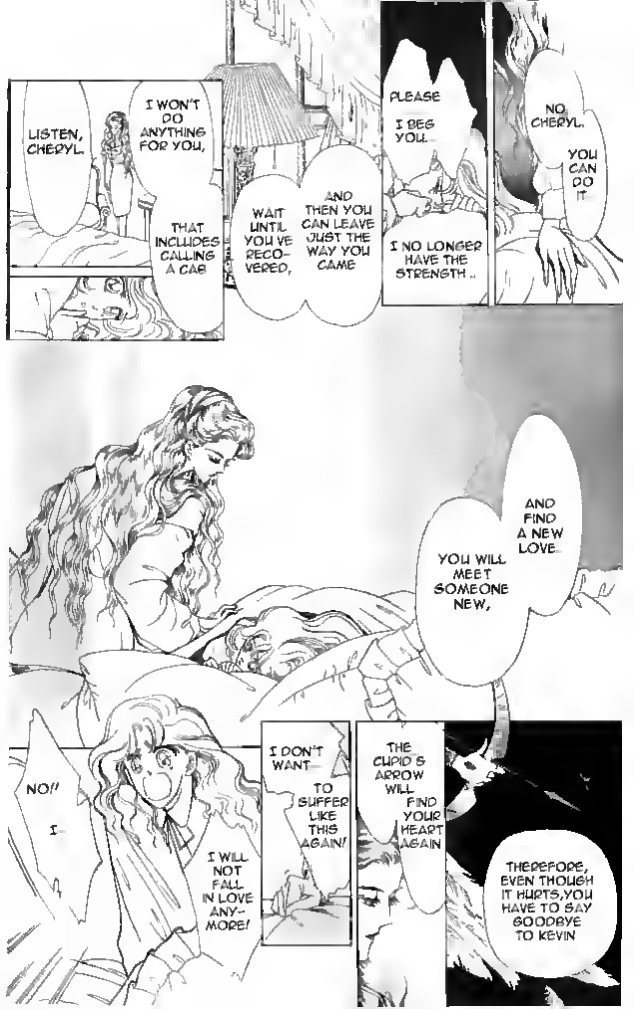


YOU WANT TO GO HOME NOW?
WITHOUT SEEING KEVIN FIRST?
WITHOUT SAYING GOOD-BYE?
SUCH A STUBBORN GIRL
I CAN'T SEE HIM.
IT'S BETTER FOR ME TO LEAVE QUIETLY
YOU'LL REGRET IT LATER ON...

I AM SUCH A STUPID GIRL
WHAT I'VE BEEN REGRET-TING IS COMING HERE!
EVEN WHEN I WISH FOR SOMETHING TO HAPPEN, IT NEVER DOES!
I ALWAYS KNOWN THAT!"
MIRACLE WILL HAPPEN TO YOU TOO

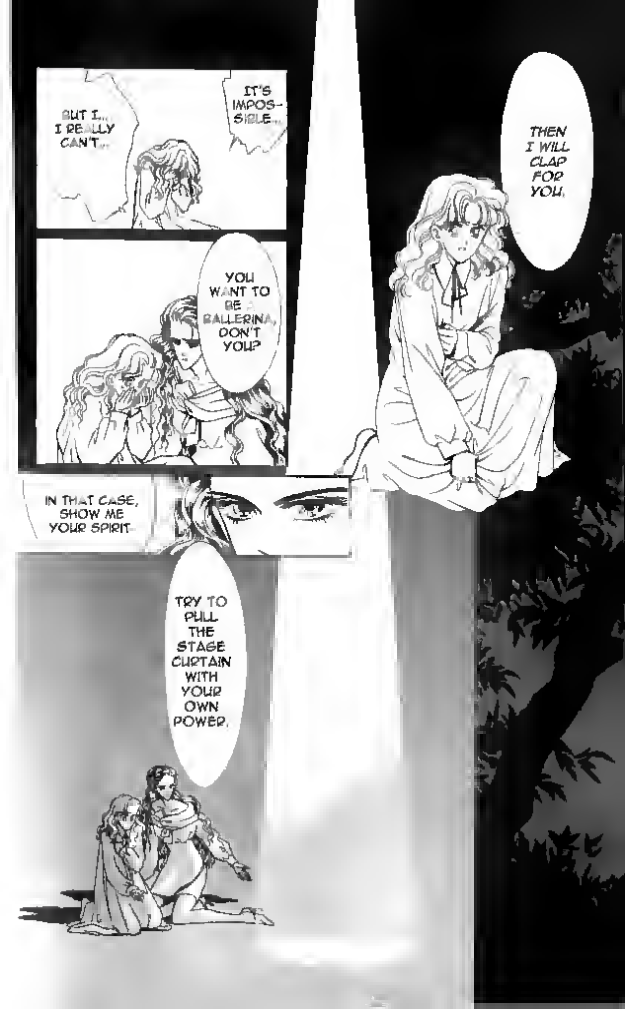
AT THE MOMENT, YOUR HEART IS WOUNDED YOU SHOULD SEEK A PLACE WHERE YOU CAN PUT IT AT EASE
THAT IS WHAT YOU NEED
GO TO YOUR FAMILY WHO WILL WELCOME YOU WITH OPEN ARMS AND LULLABY'S
AND GIVE YOU AS MUCH SPACE AS YOU NEED WITH NO QUESTIONS ASKED
I CAN UNDERST..ND WH..T BROUGHT YOU HERE.
BUT I ...
THAT'S WHY...
YOU SHOULD SEE HIM,
AND SAY GOOD-BYE


YOU WERE INTOXICATED OF THE IDEA
THAT YOU DO NOT WANT TO BE A LIFELESS SOUL WAITING ENDLESSLY FOR SOMETHING TO HAPPEN
SO INSTEAD YOU MADE YOUR MOVE
BUT I ALMOST KILLED KEVIN!
THEN WOULD YOU STILL SAY, "THANK GOD"?!
IF I MEET HIM, WHAT SHOULD I SAY?!!
BECAUSE
I
BE-CA-USE
I STILL
I STILL
CAN'T FORGET ABOUT HIM!!
"YOU STILL LOVE HIM, DON'T YOU?! YOU STILL LOVE HIM VERY MUCH!"
I KEEP SAYING TO MYSELF!

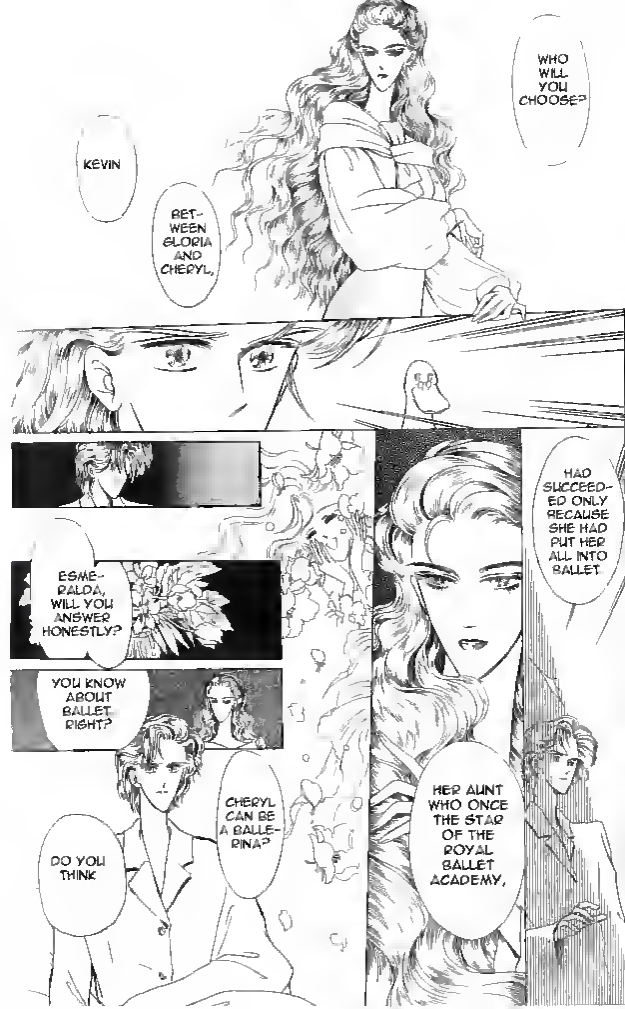

LISTEN, CHERYL.
I WON'T DO ANYTHING FOR YOU,
THAT INCLUDES CALLING A CAB
WAIT UNTIL YOU'VE RECOVERED,
AND THEN YOU CAN LEAVE JUST THE WAY YOU CAME
PLEASE
I BEG YOU...
I NO LONGER HAVE THE STRENGTH..
NO, CHERYL.
YOU CAN DO IT.
AND FIND A NEW LOVE...
YOU WILL MEET SOMEONE NEW,
NO!!
I-
I WILL NOT FALL IN LOVE ANY-MORE!
I DON'T WANT TO SUFFER LIKE THIS AGAIN!
THE CUPID'S ARROW WILL FIND YOUR HEART AGAIN
THEREFORE, EVEN THOUGH IT HURTS, YOU HAVE TO SAY GOODBYE TO KEVIN

KEVIN AND I WERE LOVERS AND WE FOUGHT ALL THE TIME
BE-FORE I MAR-RIED RICH-ARD,
OTHER-WISE, YOU WILL END UP LIKE ME
WE BROKE UP WITHOUT SAYING GOODBYE TO ONE ANOTHER
EVEN THOUGH IT HURT, I DON'T THINK BREAKING UP WITH KEVIN WAS A MISTAKE THEN... OR EVEN NOW
BUT OUR BIGGEST MISTAKE WAS...
BECAUSE OF THAT, RICHARD IS HURT
AND SO AM I FOR PUTTING HIM IN THAT STATE
I WAS HAVING A HARD TIME MOVING ON AND TRUSTING A NEW LOVE
ALSO...
I COULD NOT FORGET HIM, NO MATTER WHAT...
BE-CAUSE WE NEVER SAID GOOD BYE

KEVIN...
HE NEVER GOT OVER ME
THE SAME THING GOES FOR HIM.
WHAT ABOUT NOW?
I THINK I CAN SAY 'THANK YOU'
CAN YOU TELL HIM GOODBYE NOW?
BUT
NO DEFINITELY NOT.


BUT I... I REALLY CAN'T...
IT'S IMPOS-SIBLE...
YOU WANT TO BE A BALLERINA, DON'T YOU?
THEN I WILL CLAP FOR YOU.
IN THAT CASE, SHOW ME YOUR SPIRIT.
TRY TO PULL THE STAGE CURTAIN WITH YOUR OWN POWER.

IS DOCTOR NOT HOME YET?
ROSE-MARY, CAN YOU GET ME THE PHONE?
I WILL CALL THE HOSPI-TAL.
SHE'S NOT COMING
SHE SAID SHE WANTED TO BE ALONE FOR A WHILE
WHY?


WHO WILL YOU CHOOSE?
KEVIN
BETWEEN GLORIA AND CHERYL,
HAD SUCCEEDED ONLY BECAUSE SHE HAD PUT HER ALL INTO BALLET.
ESMERALDA, WILL YOU ANSWER HONESTLY?
YOU KNOW ABOUT BALLET, RIGHT?
HER AUNT WHO ONCE THE STAR OF THE ROYAL BALLET ACADEMY,
CHERYL CAN BE A BALLERINA?
DO YOU THINK

IN THAT CASE SHE WON'T BE ABLE TO BECOME A BALLERINA
TO IMPRESS THE AUDIENCE, MERE TECHNIQUE IS NOT ENOUGH
BUT SHE DOESN'T EVEN HAVE THAT KIND OF SPIRIT
EVEN THOUGH CHERYL HAD GOOD TECHNIQUE BUT IF SHE NEVER PUT TO USE OF WHAT SHE LEARNED,
THEN IS A BALLERINA THAT WOULD MAKE HER LESS ATTRACTIVE.
YOU DON'T KNOW THAT NOBODY DOES
EVERYTHING DEPENDS ON ONESELF
IN ORDER TO BE SUCCESSFUL, OR TO GAIN HAPPINESS
CHERYL!

KE-VIN.
DO YOU LIKE CHE-RYL?
WHAT?
LIKE...?
DO YOU LOVE HER?
YOUR GOLDEN SILENCE
WILL HURT BOTH WOMEN
IF THIS CONTI-NOUS,
GLORIA WILL WALK AWAY FROM YOU.

GLORIA...
WILL WALK AWAY
FROM ME?

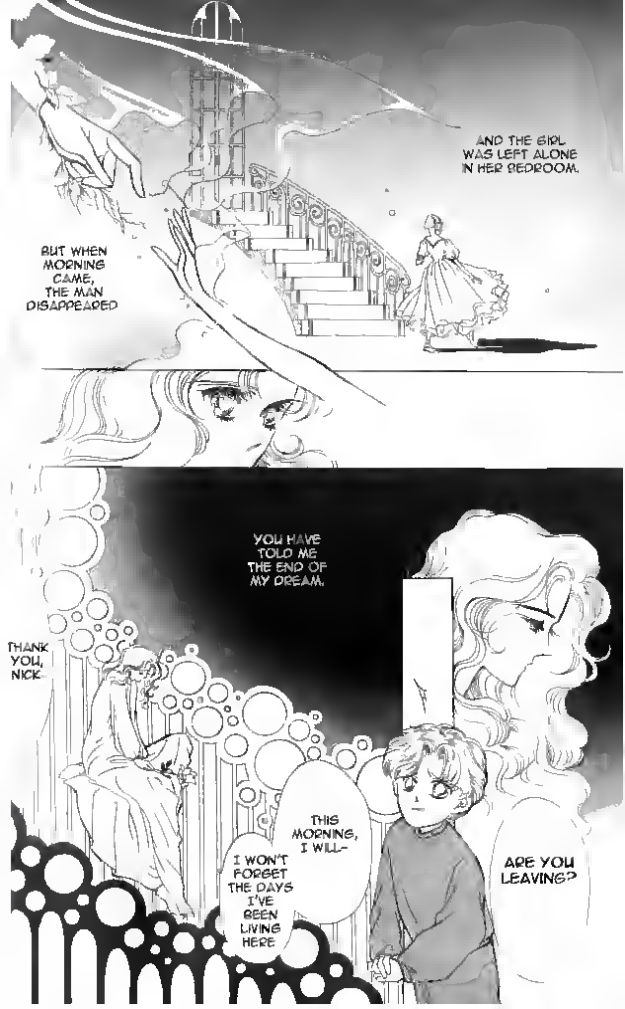
chirp
chirp
OH! LEFTOVERS! AGAIN?!
I DON'T FEEL LIKE EATING...
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO GROW, YOU KNOW
what a waste
I DON'T CARE IF I DON'T GROW!! I'M FINE THIS WAY!
Is this the start of the so-called "rebellious age"?
HASN'T DOCTOR BACK YET?
I THINK THAT DOCTOR AND KEVIN ARE REALLY GOOD TOGETHER
HEY THAT'S THE ADULTS' BUSINESS!
URMM
MEEMM
can they?
haha
WHY CAN'T ADULTS BE MORE STRAIGHT FORWARD?

BEFORE OPENING THEIR HEARTS TO ACCEPT ANOTHER INTO THEIR LIVES
PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN LIVING BY THEMSELVES FOR QUITE A LONG WHILE,
WILL NEED A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TIME
ROSE-MARY, WHEN YOU'RE DOWN
WHAT ARE SOME THINGS THAT CHEERS YOU UP?
HUH?
that was sudden...
HOHOHOHOHO
I'M STILL A WOMAN, YOU KNOW!
IF I WERE TO RECEIVE A ROSE BOUQUET OF COURSE I'D BE HAPPY!
ROSE BOUQUET
happy
HM... YOU WANT TO GIVE ME ONE?
WAIT A SEC
YOUR FACE IS RED AGAIN! SEEMS LIKE THE FEVER IS STILL UP!
go back to sleep!
WERE YOU SNEAKING OUT FROM BED??

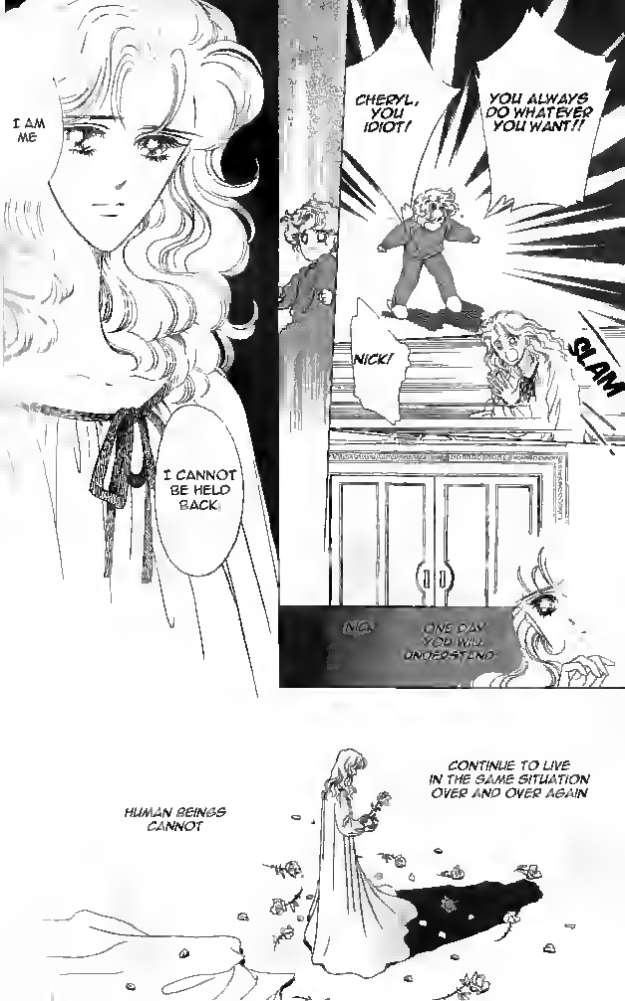
COME
LET'S GARDENING IN THE MORNING!
STOP!!!
WAAAA
MY BEAUTIFUL ROSES!!
NOT A SINGLE ONE LEFT
have a good guess of who the perpetrator is
boo-hoo
so mean

CHE-RYL,
CHE-RYL!
GOOD MOR-NING!

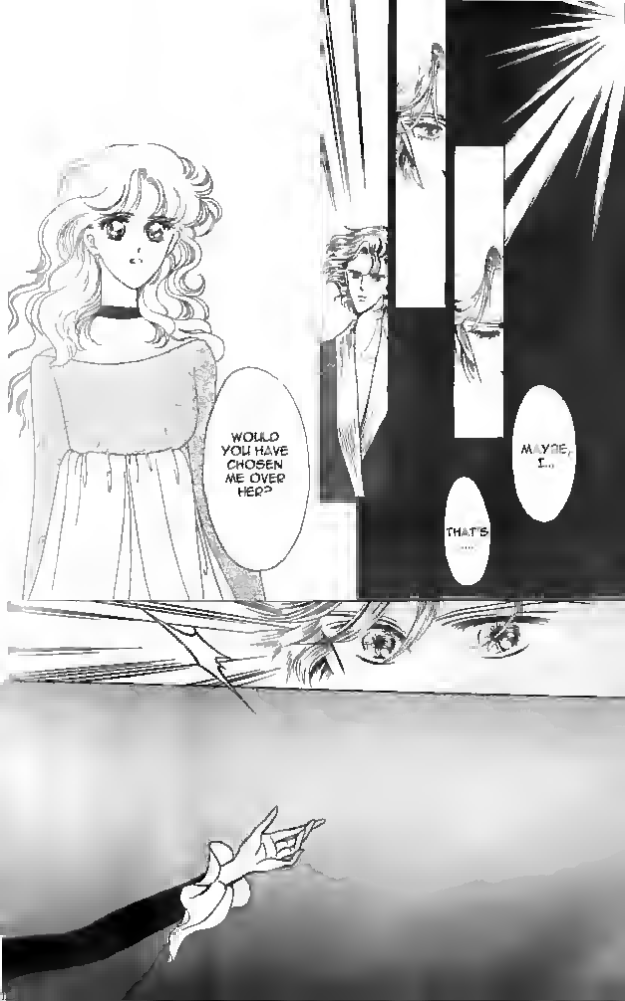
SMELLS GOOD
AND THEY DANCED ALL NIGHT
THE ROSE TURNED INTO A MAN FROM HER MEMORY,
ABOUT A GIRL WHO HAD A ROSE FLOWER
I HAD A DREAM ABOUT THE POWER OF ROSE
ARE THESE FROM YOU?
HEHE


AND THE GIRL WAS LEFT ALONE IN HER BEDROOM.
BUT WHEN MORNING CAME, THE MAN DISAPPEARED
YOU HAVE TOLD ME THE END OF MY DREAM.
THANK YOU, NICK.
ARE YOU LEAVING?
THIS MORNING, I WILL-
I WON'T FORGET THE DAYS I'VE BEEN LIVING HERE

NO!!
STAY, STAY HERE A LITTLE LONGER !!
I'M HOME-SCHOOLED, SO YOU CAN STUDY HERE TOO!
NO!!
YOU CAN'T!!
NO, NICK.
LIKE ESMERALDA SAID,
I NEED TO LEARN MORE
JUST QUIT BALLET -
I CAN'T DO THAT.
I...
MORE-OVER
I NEED MORE EXPE-RIENCE.


I AM ME
I CANNOT BE HELD BACK!
CHERYL, YOU IDIOT!
YOU ALWAYS DO WHATEVER YOU WANT!!
NICK!
SLAM
NO...
ONE DAY YOU WILL UNDERSTAND
HUMAN BEINGS CANNOT
CONTINUE TO LIVE IN THE SAME SITUATION OVER AND OVER AGAIN

CREAK
UGH
IF I HAD BEEN HERE BEFORE YOU MET GLORIA,
PLEASE ANSWER MY LAST QUESTION
I'M OKAY,
I'LL BE ABLE TO GET RID OF THIS CANE SOON


WOULD YOU HAVE CHOSEN ME OVER HER?
MAYBE, I...
THAT'S ....

ROSE-MARY, THANK YOU FOR EVERY-THING
I'M SORRY FOR BOTHERING YOU
MISS CHERYL, I WISH YOU GOOD LIFE
NICK TOO, THANK YOU
HUMPH
SEE YOU AGAIN, NICK
...!
COME ON, NICK
SHE'S ABOUT TO LEAVE

CHERYL!!
DON'T FORGET ME!
WHEN I'M OLDER-
OLDER AND STRONGER-- I PROMISE I WILL COME FOR YOU!!
I WON'T!!
DON'T FORGET ME..
DON'T FORGET ME!

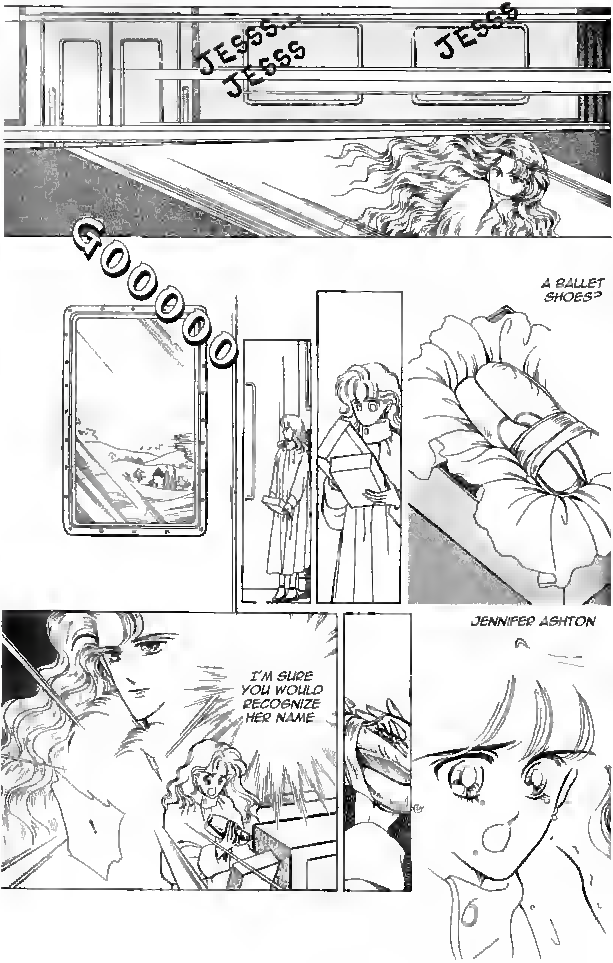
GOODBYE
THAT TIME
HER LIPS
WERE TREMBLED
clap
clap
clap

bravo
This is the beginning and the end of a story
Good or bad humans must go through hardships in lifestyles
that will change them as they never were before
The strong can bend so the weak must learn to grow stronger
Anyone who never had to go through both

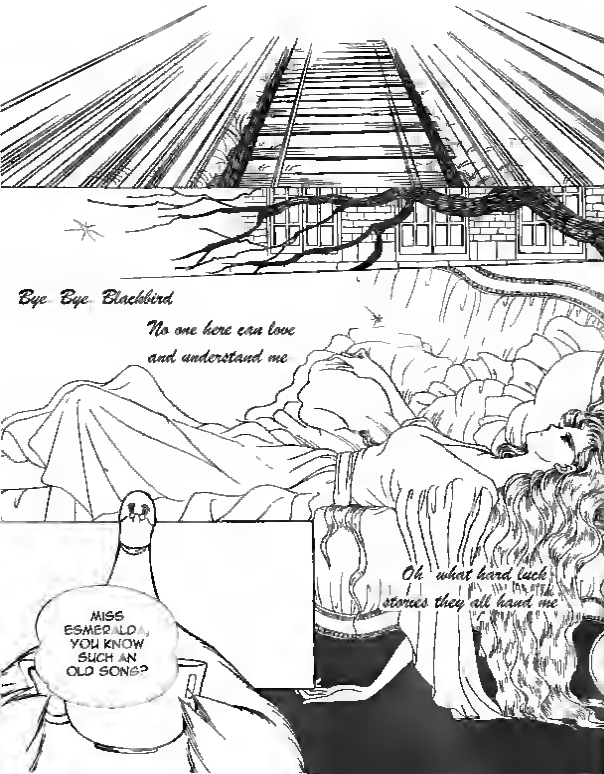
they can hardly be called human
YOUR TRAIN WILL ARRIVE SOON GO AND WAIT AT THE PLATFORM
I WAS ONCE LIKE THAT TOO
I PLANNED TO FIX IT
I LEFT MY FATHER WHOM I WAS NEVER CLOSE WITH
I WAS WORSE THAN YOU
I WAS WAITING FOR THE TRAIN LIKE YOU ARE NOW,
TO PARIS
I WAS SO NERVOUS I DIDN'T EVEN LOOK INTO THE FACE OF PEOPLE
AND THREE BANKNOTES I HAD BORROWED FROM MY MANAGER
IN MY POCKET THERE WAS ONLY A ONE-WAY TICKET
AS IF EVERYTHING WOULD BE BETTER IF I JUST GO BACK
NO ONE LOOKED AT ME BOTH MY FEET AND HANDS WERE FREE-ZING
THERE WAS ONLY ONE PERSON WHO HAD COME TO SEND ME OFF
AT THAT TIME

THE BALLET TEACHER
AT MY SCHOOL
PERHAPS SHE STILL TEACHES AT SCHOOLS NOW
I'M SURE YOU WOULD RECOGNIZE HER NAME
BECAUSE SHE WAS A PROFESSIONAL DANCER,
MY TEACHER GAVE ME THIS BOX
AND SAID,
MARIA CHRISTINE RANDSHAW, PLEASE ACCEPT THIS
TO EARN AN ENCORE
MODELS, DANCERS, AND ACTRESSES, THEY ARE ALL THE SAME
EVERYONE STARTED AS A NEWBIE WHO KEPT DOING THEIR BEST TO IMPRESS THE OTHERS
SO WITH COURAGE WE WILL HAVE TO MOVE ON
WE DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF HARDSHIPS WE WILL FACE.
OR HOW HARD WE H..VE TO TRY.

A PERSON WHO'S AFRAID OF THE FUTURE, IS A PERSON WHO'S AFRAID OF THEIR OWN SHADOW.
FARE-WELL.
closed
BUT IT'S SUCH AN IMPOR-TANT THING
WHAT ?
THIS, I GIVE IT TO YOU.
NOW IT'S YOUR TURN TO HAVE IT


JESSS...
JESSS
JESSS
GOOOOO
A BALLET SHOES?
JENNIFER ASHTON
I'M SURE YOU WOULD RECOGNIZE HER NAME

THIS IS AUNTIE'S BALLET SHOES!
TIME FLIES
LIKE THIS TRAIN
SHOULD I CRY
SHOULD I FALL
MOVE TOWARDS ITS DESTINATION
TIME STILL FLOWS MERCILESSLY


Bye Bye Blackbird
No one here can love
and understand me
Oh what hard luck
stories they all hand me
MISS ESMERALDA, YOU KNOW SUCH AN OLD SONG?

THIS IS A SONG THAT USED TO BE
SUNG BY THE DANCER, ISADORA DUNCAN
the one who died in a car accident in 1927
BUT FOR THAT,
SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS ARE DETERMINED BY OURSELVES.
AS A WINNER, THERE MUST HAVE BEEN SOMETHING THAT HAD BEEN SACRIFICED
IT'S A VERY SAD SONG,
ISN'T IT?
Bye Bye Blackbird
Make my bed and light the light

'Cause I'll arrive late tonight

Blackbird... bye bye...
Blackbird

BYE BYE...
GOOD BYE...
MY KEVIN...
KEVIN...

KEVIN WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
TO THE HOS-PI-TAL.
IN YOUR CONDITION?!
TREKK

EVEN WITH DIFFICULTIES
I WILL BRING GLORIA BACK
TO BE CONTINUED
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Right what Nick said! well, that AND that FathskieScans can really use your help in the group! ^,^

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BigLOVE.
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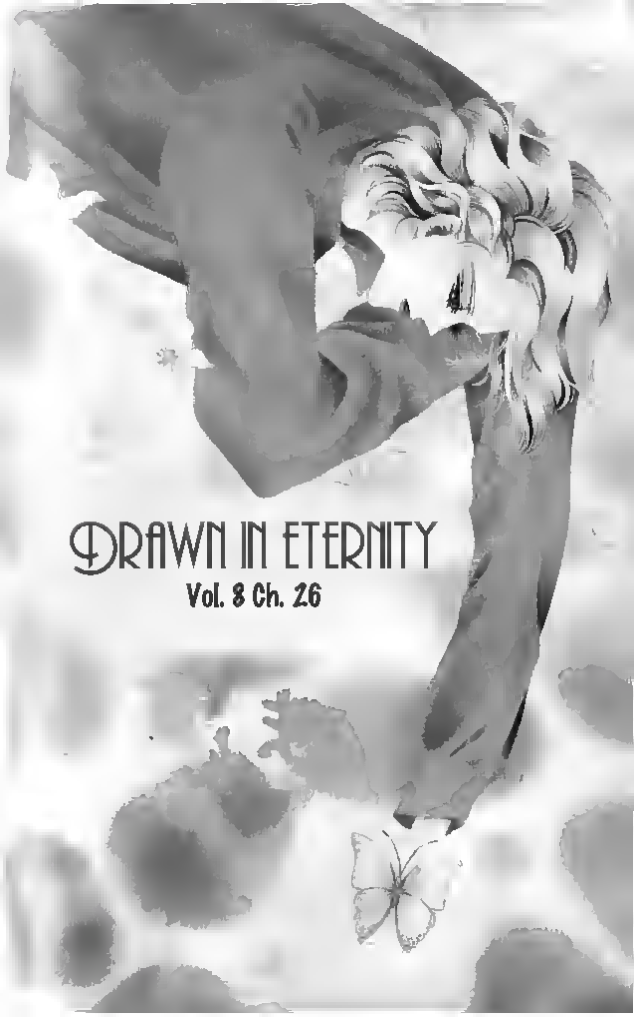
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GET GLORIA BACK
SHE SAID HER EX-FIANCE LEFT HER AND GOT MARRIED TO ANOTHER WOMAN.
WHETHER SHE'LL SAY "YES" OR "NO"
ONE THING'S FOR SURE,
KE-VIN
I DON'T HAVE A CLUE, BUT

IF I LEAVE HER
IN DESPAIR LIKE THIS...
SURELY I
WILL REGRET IT
FOR THE REST
OF MY LIFE.

DR. DENSHAM!
SMACK
Y
YES?

I'VE BEEN CALLING FOR YOU OVER AND OVER! DIDN'T YOU HEAR ME?
THE DOCTOR WHO ASKED TO RUN AN EMERGENCY TEST AT CENTRAL LAB WAS YOU, RIGHT? HERE'S THE RESULT!
Please be serious! we're all really busy!
who's that new nurse?? Isn't she afraid to die?
This is the end for her.. That obnoxious nurse is done for! She'll be fired, I'm sure... Dr Densham is ruthless
I'M SORRY
BUGG!
THAT WAS UNEXPECTED DR DENSHAM SEEMS TO BE SPACING OUT A LOT LATELY
ow ow ow
LIKE IN A DAZE
MAYBE SHE'S FALLING OUT OF LOVE?
SEE? SHE'S SPACING OUT AGAIN!
BUT FROM NECK TO BOTTOM STILL FUNCTIONED PERFECTLY
SAT SAT SAT SAT
SHE CAN COMPARTEMENT-ALIZE HER FEELINGS FROM HER BRAIN...
CARRIER WOMAN SEEMS TO BE EMPTY AT TIMES DOESN'T IT ?
UUUHHHH
FEELS LIKE WE'RE SEEING OURSELVES SEVERAL YEARS IN THE FUTURE IN DOCTOR DENSHAM

HAAAA
SLEEPING AT THE OFFICE
WHAT EXACTLY AM I DOING?
"ROSE-MARY_"
"IF I DON'T STAY WITH HER FOREVER, IS THIS GIRL GOING TO BE A BAD GIRL?"
I DON'T KNOW WHAT I REALLY W_NT...
DO I WANT TO GO BACK TO KEVIN...? OR DO I WANT TO LEAVE HIM?

I, WHO IS INFAMOUS FOR BEING COMPARED TO THE DEVIL,
JUST NOW WAS SCOLDED BY A NURSE TEN YEARS YOUNGER THAN MYSELF.
I CAN'T EVEN BRING MYSELF TO THINK ABOUT IT!
PLEASE BE MORE SERIOUS!
PERHAPS I AM...
BE CAREFUL YOU...
GETTING LOVE-SICK!?
HI!
O LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD!
OR DENSHAM

I'M CURRENTLY OFF DUTY
ARE YOU FREE TOO?
WHO IS THIS PERSON?
I'M ABEL CLEMENT FROM PEDIATRIC!
WE MET A LOT AT MEETINGS!
Is it necessary to identify my I/D?
cruel!
WE'RE BOTH UN-ACCOM-PANIED
I HEAR YOU'VE BEEN STAYING AT THE OFFICE?
WHAT DO YOU SAY IF WE HAVE A DINNER TOGETHER AT CAFETARIA?
dumbfounded
SURE
IT'S OK
dumbfounded
I'M FREE.
I FEEL LIKE I'M TALKING WITH A FOREIGNER
hmm

UHM...
DOC-TOR,
DIDN'T YOU SAY WE'D EAT AT THE CAFE-TARIA?
I DON'T LIKE EATING IN A CROWDED PLACE
WHAT ABOUT EATING AT MY OFFICE?
zaa zaa zaa
CO-ME,
LET ME CARRY YOUR TRAY
IT'S THIS WAY.
DON'T TELL ME...
THAT ME..ANS IT WILL BE JUST THE TWO OF US?

I'M BEING TARGET-TED??
HE MUST HAVE AN ULTERIOR MOTIVE FOR INVITING ME...
THIS REMINDS ME OF...
THAT OLD TV SHOWS ABOUT ANIMAL I SAW WHEN I WAS A KID
Miss, would you like to come to my house?
TO ATTRACT THE FEMALE TO FOLLOW HIM TO HIS HOLE
hehe
I KNOW YOU'RE FOLLOWING ME
I DON'T HAVE THE TALENT TO BE A POET
THE MALE CRAB AT THE BEACH WILL SWING HIS BIG CLAWS
oh crap

I HAVE EYES ON MY BACK, YOU KNOW.
THERE.
SEE THAT GLASS?

THERE'S A BEAUTIFUL LADY THERE
AHAHA
HAHA THAT WAS CLEVER
that was smooth
HAHA
I'M SERIOUS
IF I'M NOT, I WOULDN'T HAVE INVITED YOU TO COME HERE

PLEASE COME IN,
THIS IS MY OFFICE
NURSE

WHERE CAN I FIND GLORIA?
I MEAN,
OR DEN-BHAM?
SHE'S AT HER OFFICE
SHE'S BEEN SLEEPING THERE LATELY
YEAH BUT I DIDN'T FIND ANYONE THERE
THEN PERHAPS SHE'S HAVING DINNER OUTSIDE
NO IT CAN'T BE...
HER CAR IS STILL HERE AT THE PARKING LOT
WHERE ARE YOU, GLORIA?
GLO-RIA
MAY I CALL YOU BY YOUR FIRST NAME?
LETS HAVE A SEAT OVER THERE

sitting at the furthest end
I'M HAPPY. I'VE BEEN LONGING TO BE ABLE TO SPEND SOME TIME ALONE WITH YOU
AWKWARD!
WHAT NOW — TALK ABOUT WHAT?
WHAT ELSE I CAN TALK ABOUT?!
AHAHAH.. DON'T YOU THINK THE FOOD AT CAFETARIA IS TERRIBLE??
I MEAN IT TASTES LIKE THE CATERING WE HAD ON THE MEETINGS..
AHHAH-HA
THEREFORE WE SHOULD EAT OUTSIDE SOMETIME
I'LL MAKE RESERVATIONS
WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO EAT?
CHINESE FOOD? OR ITALIAN?
ZHNG
I dug my own grave... I'm sinking deeper
GLORIA YOU'VE CHANGED LATELY

SOMETIMES YOU'RE PRETTY FIERCE TOO...
BUT NOW YOU'VE CHANGED.
YOU USED TO BE STOOD OUT, AND ATTRACTED ATTENTION
COOL
CALM
SMART
WHAT DO YOU MEAN
BY CHANGED'?
A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT FROM YOU BEFORE
YOUR FACE...
APPEARS A LOT IN MY DREAMS LATELY
WITHIN A PASTEL COLORED MIST,
IT'S LIKE A MELODY OF HARMONY
I CAN'T DESCRIBE IT, BUT
BLACK HAIR AND DARK EYES

REFER TO ME AS THE "IRON LADY" TOO, DIDN'T YOU?
UM
BUT YOU USED TO
BUT
IN A GLANCE YOU LOOK LIKE A TOUGH AND COLD WOMAN.
BUT THE TRUTH IS YOU HAVE A DEEP FEELING, DON'T YOU?
I THINK YOU'RE THAT KIND OF WOMAN
DOC-TOR
CALL ME ABEL.

GLORIA
HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT ME?
HUH?
I'M ATTRACTED TO YOU I FELT A GENTLE MELODY IN MY HEART AND GUIDED YOU HERE
..NO YOU TOO HAVE FOLLOWED ME. THEREFORE, PLEASE TELL ME THE TRUTH.

NOTHING
NOTHING AT ALL.
WHAT DO YOU FEEL?
I DON'T FEEL ANYTHING AT ALL!
NOTHING

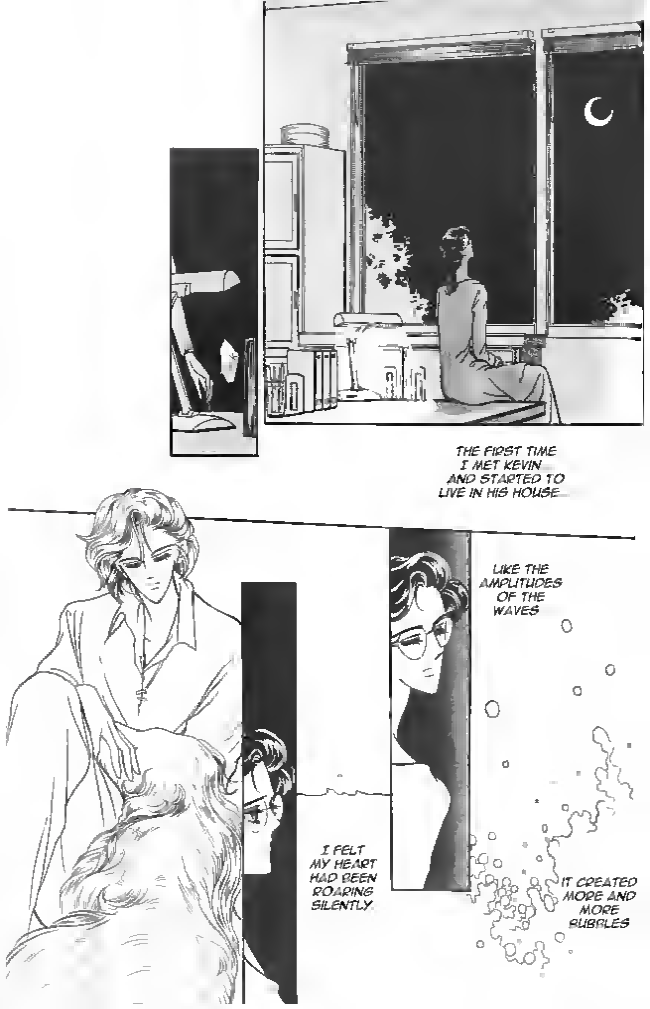
I DON'T FEEL ANYTHING AT ALL...!
KEVIN... IF IT WAS YOU...
JUST BY THE SLIGHTEST TOUCH...
GLORIA
I CAN FEEL YOUR WARMTH RUSH OVER THROUGH MY FINGERTIPS
IF IT WAS KEVIN—

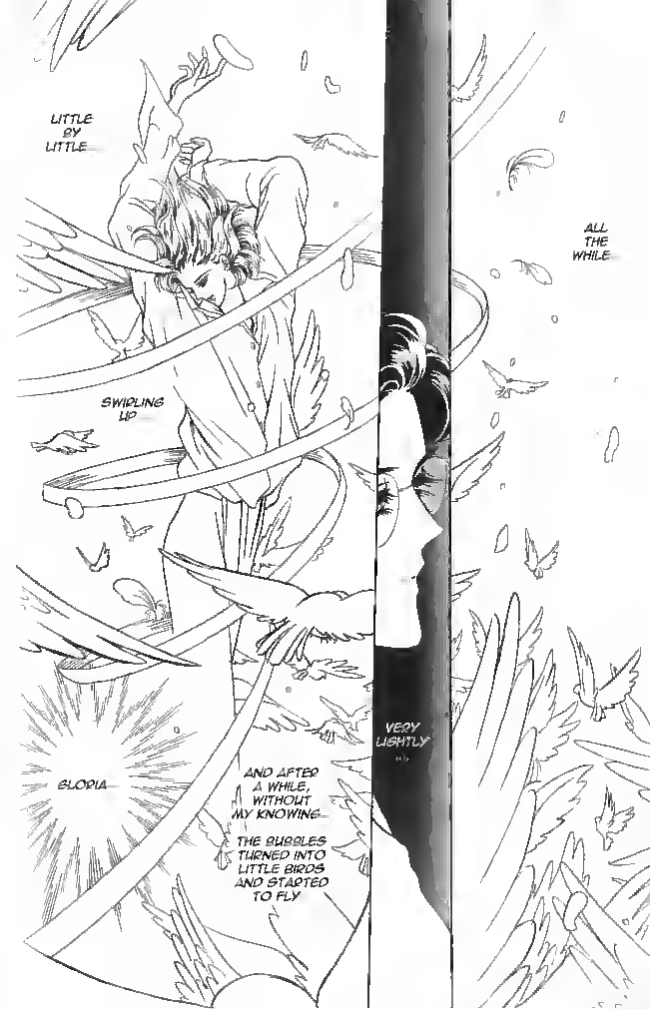
CALL ME ABEL,
UMM... DOC-TOR
GLO-RIA
YOU HAVE TOO MUCH WORK
JUST RELAX, YOU SEEM A BE TIRED
IT'S NOT!
BZZZ
GLO-RIA?

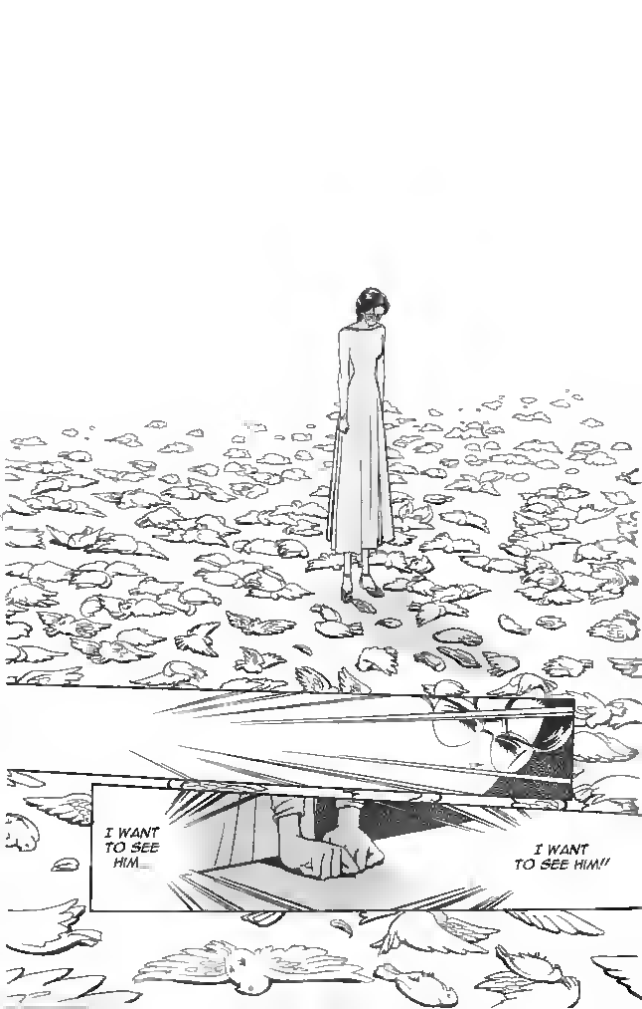
I'M SORRY, ABEL...
I WAS THINK-ING THAT MAYBE YOU TOO
FELT THE SAME ABOUT ME, THAT MUST BE WHY YOU FOLLOWED ME HERE
WHY DID YOU COME HERE?
WHY?

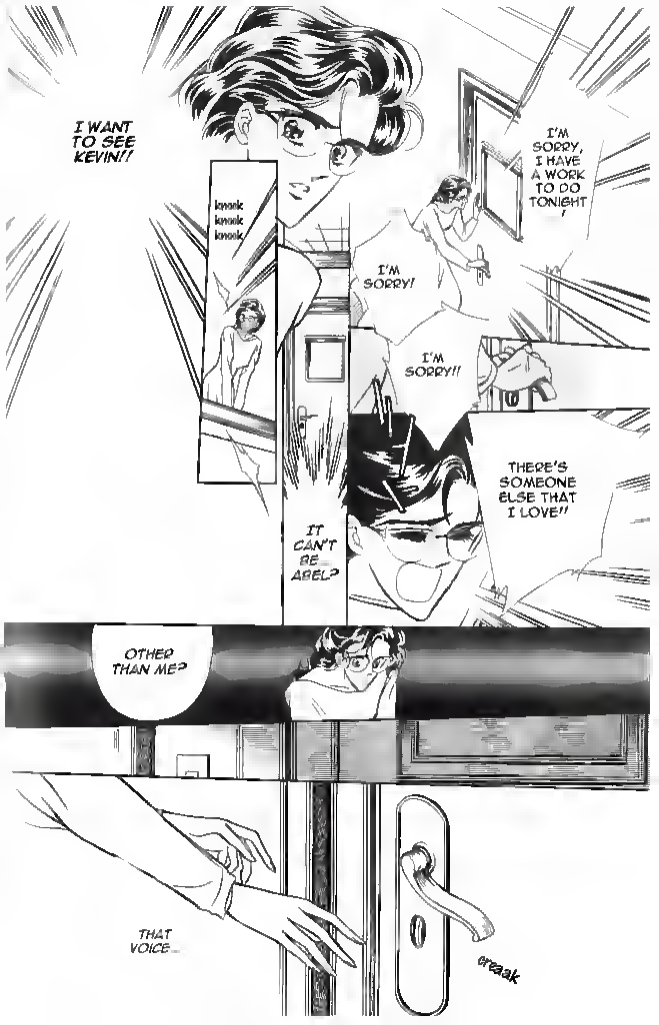
BECAUSE I WAS LONELY
BECAUSE I CAN'T STAND
BEING ALONE
NEXT TIME...
WHEN CAN I MEET YOU AGAIN?
NO
I'M SORRY, WE CAN'T
WE CAN'T MEET AGAIN
I'M SORRY
I'M SORRY !!
JUST NOW I COULDN'T STAND BEING ALONE

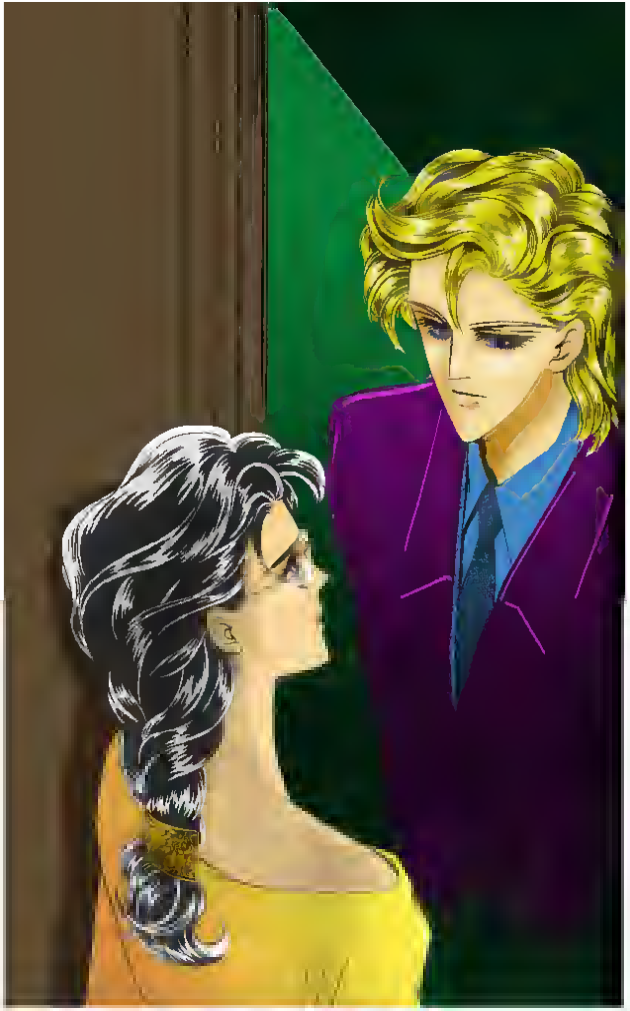
I HURT ABEL!
SINCE WHEN DID I BECOME THIS FOOLISH?!
SINCE WHEN DID I BECOME WEAK?
SINCE WHEN DID I LOSE MYSELF?


THE FIRST TIME I MET KEVIN AND STARTED TO LIVE IN HIS HOUSE...
LIKE THE AMPLITUDES OF THE WAVES
I FELT MY HEART HAD BEEN ROARING SILENTLY
IT CREATED MORE AND MORE BUBBLES


LITTLE BY LITTLE
SWIRLING UP
GLORIA
AND AFTER A WHILE, WITHOUT MY KNOWING
THE BUBBLES TURNED INTO LITTLE BIRDS AND STARTED TO FLY
VERY LIGHTLY
ALL THE WHILE


I WANT TO SEE HIM...
I WANT TO SEE HIM!!


I WANT TO SEE KEVIN!!
knock knock knock
I'M SORRY, I HAVE A WORK TO DO TONIGHT
I'M SORRY!
I'M SORRY!!
THERE'S SOMEONE ELSE THAT I LOVE!!
IT CAN'T BE ABEL?
OTHER THAN ME?
THAT VOICE...
creak



WHY
I KEPT LOOKING FOR YOU
I WANT TO TALK
MAY I COME IN?
I TAKE IT AS A YES. ?

SLAM
DID YOU LOSE YOUR CONFIDENT?
OR
IS IT TOO HARD TO TRUST ME ?
WHY DID YOU LEAVE WITHOUT SAYING ANYTHING
NO IT'S NOT LIKE THAT..

I HEARD FROM ESMERALDA
ABOUT YOUR PAST ENGAGEMENT
GLORIA, BETWEEN WORK AND ME, WHICH ONE DO YOU THINK IS MORE IMPORTANT?
NO
IT'S NOT THAT
I WAS JUST
WHICH ONE IS MORE IMPORTANT?
UNLIKE CHERYL,
WHICH ONE...
"I LOVE YOU, KEVIN!"
"IF IT'S FOR YOU, I'LL QUIT BALLET"
I CAN'T CHANGE THE WAY I LIVE FOR THE MAN I LOVE!!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO.
YOU'RE NOT CHERYL, AND I'M NOT YOUR EX-FIANCE
YOU DON'T HAVE TO CHANGE THE WAY YOU LIVE FOR ME.
OR FOR ANY OTHER PERSON
WHY CAN'T YOU UNDERSTAND SOMETHING SIMPLE AS THIS?
ALL HUMANS ARE DIFFERENT, AND EACH WALK THEIR OWN PATH.
THAT'S WHY WE CAN'T FORCE ANYONE TO CHANGE THEIR PATH.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO CHANGE ANY-THING
FOR ME.

GLORIA, DO YOU LOVE ME?
CAN YOU TELL ME THAT YOU LOVE ME—
IF JUST FOR A TINY BIT—
BUT IF YOU DON'T FEEL THE SAME WAY—
I CAN'T PROTECT YOU.
THERE-FORE—
CAN YOU SAY IT—
I LOVE YOU.
I WANT TO HELP YOU.

I LOVE YOU.

FOR A THOUSAND DAYS AND A MILLION NIGHTS
I'VE BEEN DREAMING FOR THIS MOMENT...
O FEEL YOU OKING OUT L ME ' RE ABLE MEET YOU E THIS...
IF I DIE...
AND REBORN AS A TINY INSECT...
I'LL STILL BE LOOKING FOR YOU

AND THEN... WITHOUT HAVING TO SUCK ON YOUR SWEET BLOOD,
I'LL BE FAITHFUL.
EVEN IF YOUR HANDS WOULD CRUSH MY LIFE AS THAT TINY BUG

WHAT IS IT?
HUH?
YOU JUST
LAUGHED.
IF IT'S ABOUT YOU ANYTHING
MHM.
I WANT TO HEAR IT
NOW
SOMEHOW I'M THINKING OF A PRETTY ODD THING
WANT TO HEAR IT?

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T/N: AIYAAA... >.<
LONG TIME NO SEE!!
MORE LIKE - **SUPER LONG TIME!!**
HONTOU NI GOMENASAI FOR THE HIATUS!! >.<
TERRIBLY **TERRIBLY** SORRY!!

NEXT RELEASE WILL STILL BE
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AND IT WON'T TAKE AS LONG AS
I DID THIS CHAPTER -_-

SO... KEVIN IS NOW TOGETHER WITH GLORIA...
HMMM...
DEEP INSIDE I TOTALLY ROOT FOR
KEVIN X ESMERALDA
BUT... **ANYWAY**...

IF ANYONE FEEL LIKE HELPING ME
CLEANING THE PAGES
(NOT ALL OF IT, OF COURSE
JUST SHADE SOME OF THEM)
PLEASE LET ME KNOW =D

ALSO, MANY THANKS TO AMELIE
(POPTE ATROX/ SHIZO NABI),
FOR GIVING ME A FRIENDLY
"HELLO, ANYBODY THERE?"
WAKE UP CALL SO I CAN GET
MY *** BACK HERE AT MY CHAIR
RE-INSTALLED MY PHOTOSHOP,
RE-INSTALLED MY SCANNER
AND DID THE PAGES!

SO I GUESS
I'LL SEE YOU NEXT CHAPPIE...
SEE YA ^^

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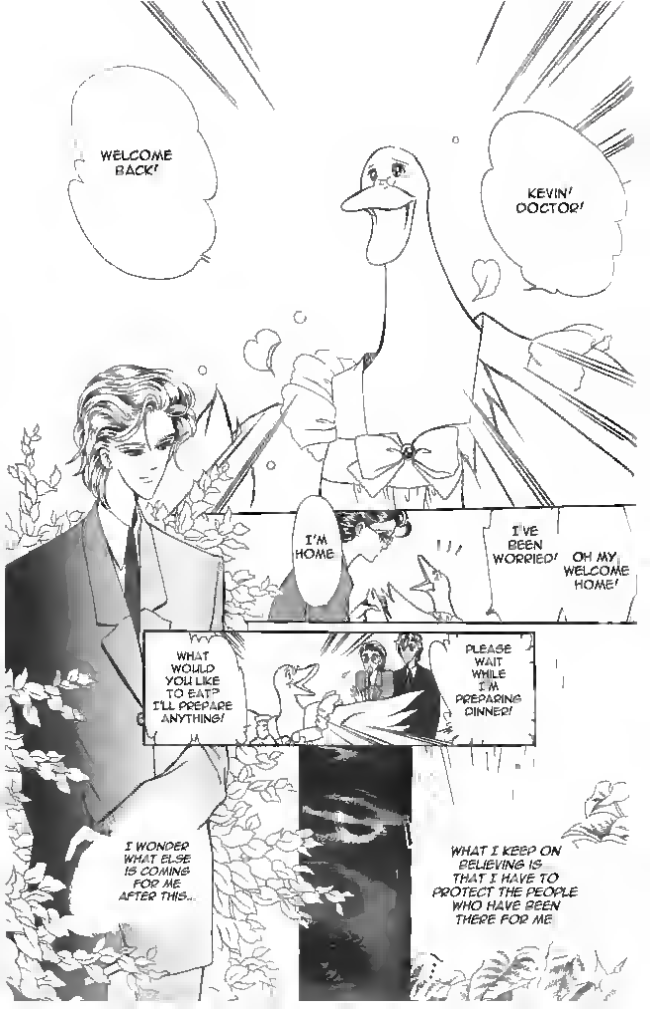
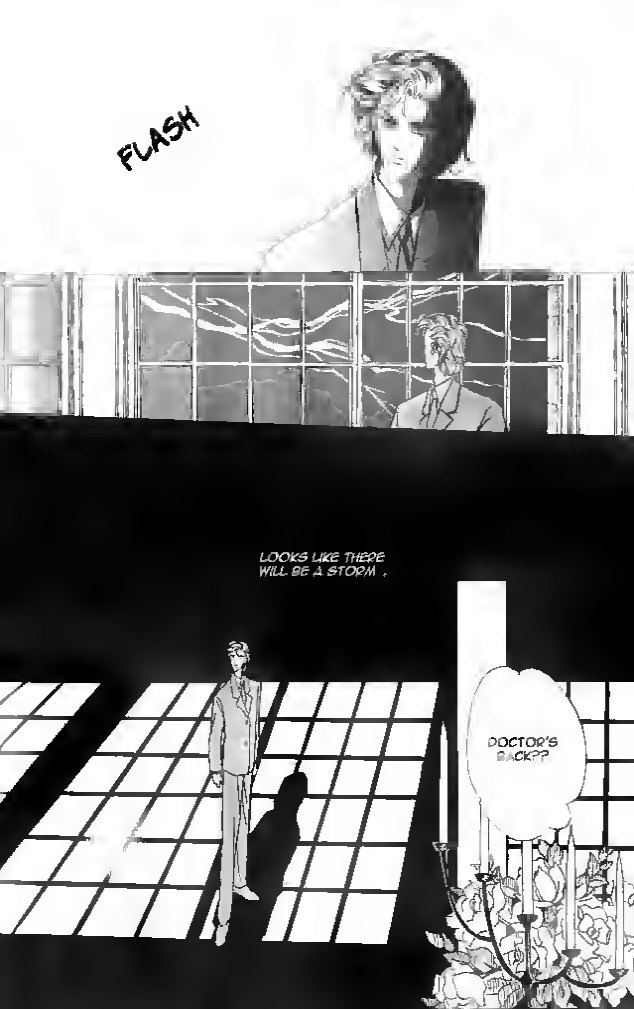
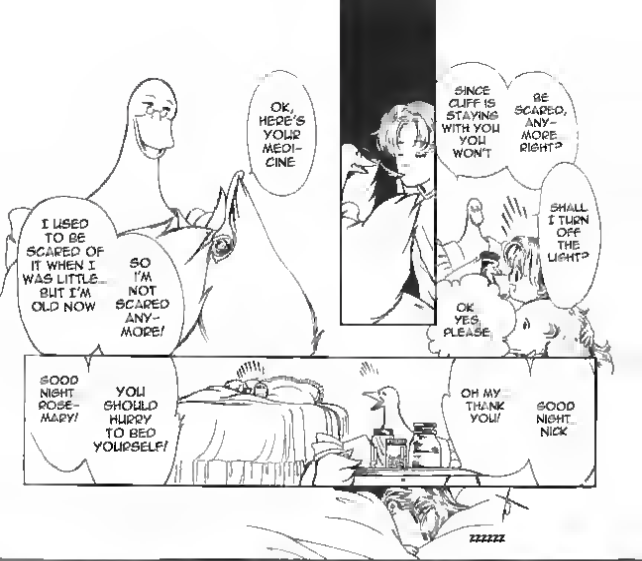
THE FIRST TIME GLORIA CAME TO MY PLACE,
I FEEL LIKE IT'S SOMEHOW HARD TO ENTER THE HOUSE.
JUST HOP IN THROUGH THE DOOR.
IT WAS ALL THANKS TO ESMERALDA'S SCHEME
What ?!
JUST KIDDING. WALK WITH GRACE.
SLAM
AND SAY, "I'M HOME!"
I WENT AFTER GLORIA WHO SAID THAT SHE WOULDN'T GO BACK FOR A WHILE

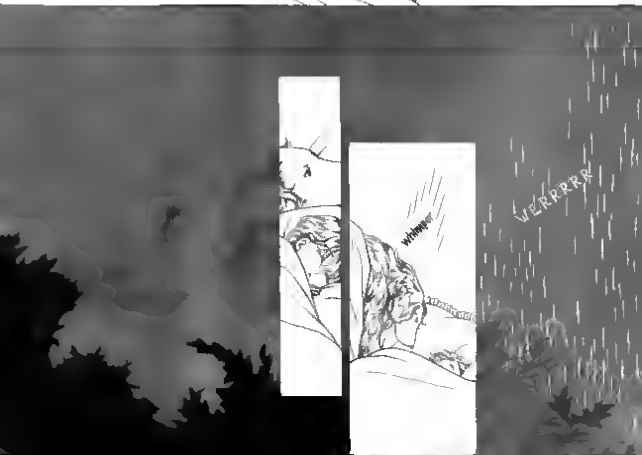
BECAUSE THE IDEA OF LOSING HER, HURT ME MORE THAN MY PRIDE
AND WHISPERED, "I WANT TO RETURN TO YOU BY MY OWN DECISION."
SHE SHUT HER EYES WHILE OPENING THE DOOR

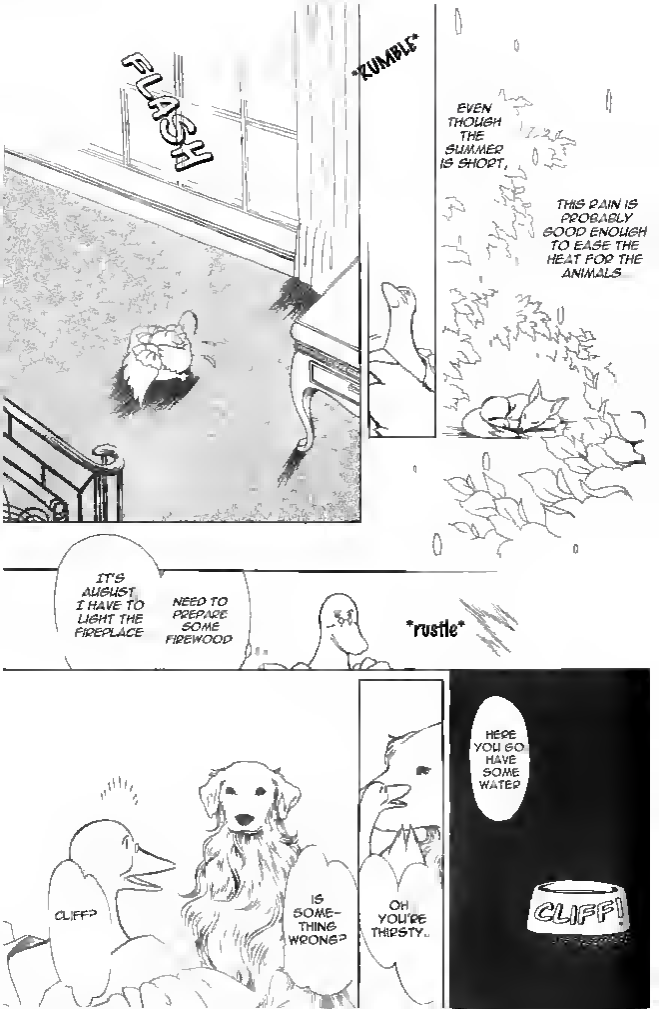

WELCOME BACK!
KEVIN! DOCTOR!
I'M HOME
I'VE BEEN WORRIED!
OH MY, WELCOME HOME!
WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO EAT? I'LL PREPARE ANYTHING!
PLEASE WAIT WHILE I'M PREPARING DINNER!
I WONDER WHAT ELSE IS COMING FOR ME AFTER THIS...
WHAT I KEEP ON BELIEVING IS THAT I HAVE TO PROTECT THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN THERE FOR ME.


FLASH
LOOKS LIKE THERE WILL BE A STORM .
DOCTOR'S BACK??

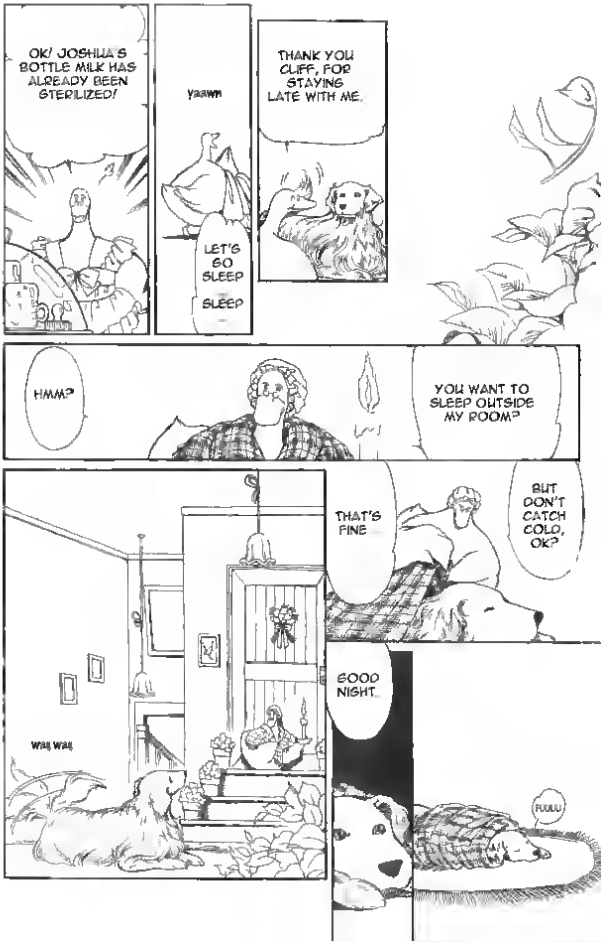
NO, YOU CAN'T. IT'S ALREADY LATE,
AND YOU STILL HAVE A FEVER!
I CAN SEE HER, RIGHT?? JUST FOR A BIT!
CAN I SEE HER?
FLASH
BOOOM
GYAAAA
WERRRRR
BESIDES, IT'S NOW RAINING HARD OUTSIDE..
ROSE-MARY YOU'RE NOT SCARED OF THUNDER ?
HO HO HO
RIGHT NOW DOCTOR AND KEVING ARE HAVING DINNER
YOU CAN BE THE FIRST TO MEET THEM TOMORROW!

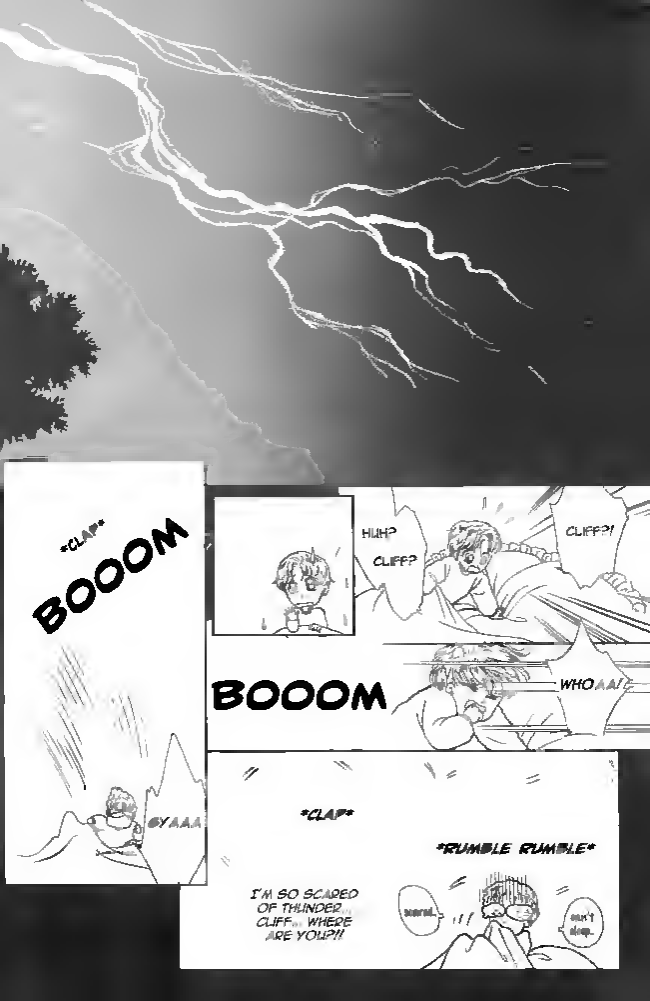

I USED TO BE SCARED OF IT WHEN I WAS LITTLE— BUT I'M OLD NOW
SO I'M NOT SCARED ANY-MORE!
OK, HERE'S YOUR MEDI-CINE
SINCE CLIFF IS STAYING WITH YOU YOU WON'T
BE SCARED, ANY-MORE, RIGHT?
SHALL I TURN OFF THE LIGHT?
OK. YES, PLEASE.
GOOD NIGHT ROSE-MARY!
YOU SHOULD HURRY TO BED YOURSELF!
OH MY THANK YOU!
GOOD NIGHT NICK
zzzzzz

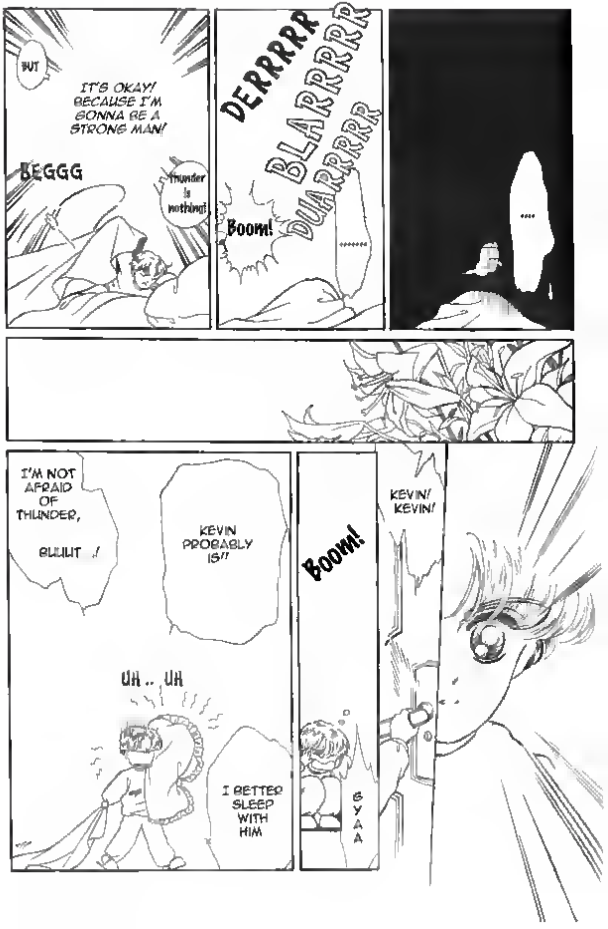

WERRRRR


FLASH
RUMBLE
EVEN THOUGH THE SUMMER IS SHORT,
THIS RAIN IS PROBABLY GOOD ENOUGH TO EASE THE HEAT FOR THE ANIMALS
IT'S AUGUST I HAVE TO LIGHT THE FIREPLACE
NEED TO PREPARE SOME FIREWOOD
rustle
CLIFF?
IS SOME-THING WRONG?
OH YOU'RE THIRSTY..
HERE YOU GO HAVE SOME WATER
CLIFF!

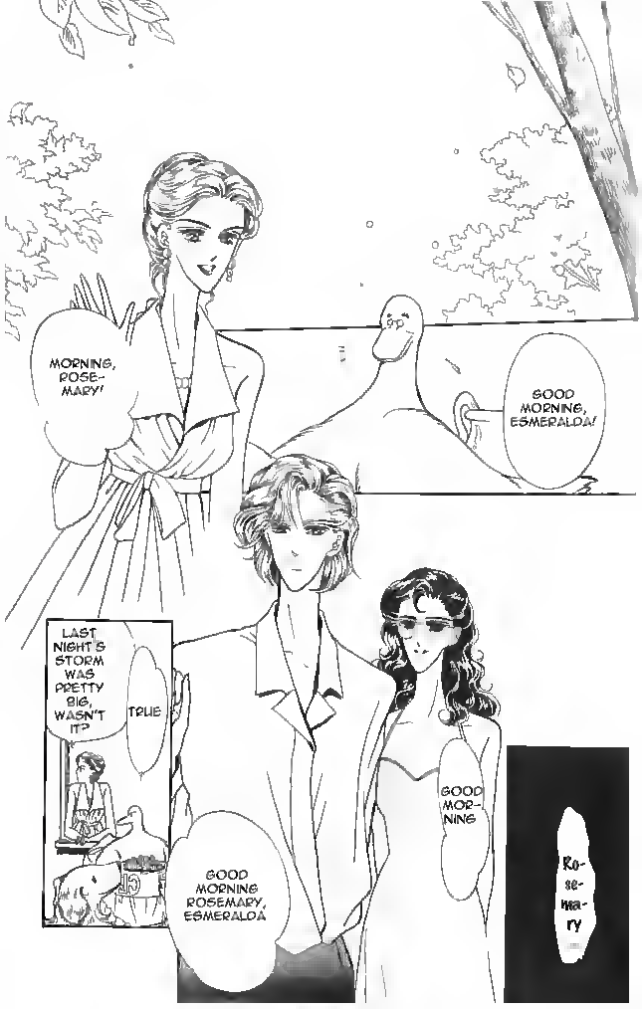
ODD FELLOW
TREEK TREEK
YOU WON'T DRINK?
ALRIGHT, I FINISHED THE DISHES.
NOW... WHAT SHOULD I PREPARE FOR TOMORROW'S BREAKFAST?
ESMERALDA DOESN'T LIKE EGGS...
HMM?
ARE YOU ACCOMPANYING ME?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO..
I'M GOING TO IRON JOSHUA'S CLOTHES...
AND SINCE IT'S SO COLD TONIGHT, I'LL TOSS ANOTHER BLANKET ON NICK
ARE YOU STILL HERE, CLIFF?
YOU HAVE TO HURRY TO BED


OK! JOSHUA'S BOTTLE MILK HAS ALREADY BEEN STERILIZED!
YAWN
LET'S GO SLEEP
SLEEP
THANK YOU CLIFF, FOR STAYING LATE WITH ME.
HMM?
YOU WANT TO SLEEP OUTSIDE MY ROOM?
THAT'S FINE
BUT DON'T CATCH COLD, OK?
GOOD NIGHT.
WAG WAG
FUUU


CLAP
BOOOM
EYAAA
HUH?
CLIFF?
CLIFF?!
BOOOM
WHOAA!
CLAP
RUMBLE RUMBLE
I'M SO SCARED OF THUNDER. CLIFF... WHERE ARE YOU!?!!
scared...
can't sleep.


BUT
IT'S OKAY! BECAUSE I'M GONNA BE A STRONG MAN!
BEGGG
thunder is nothing!
DERRRRR
BLARRRRRR
DUARRRRR
Boom!
.....
.....
I'M NOT AFRAID OF THUNDER,
BLLLLIT !
KEVIN PROBABLY IS!!
UH .. UH
I BETTER SLEEP WITH HIM
Boom!
KEVIN! KEVIN!
GYAA

KEVIN?


MORNING, ROSE-MARY!
GOOD MORNING, ESMERALDA!
LAST NIGHT'S STORM WAS PRETTY BIG, WASN'T IT?
TRUE
GOOD MORNING ROSEMARY, ESMERALDA
GOOD MOR-NING
Ro-se-mar-ry

I'M THIRSTY... I WANT TO DRINK...
NICK!
HAHA! YOUR EYES ARE RED! I BET YOU COULDN'T SLEEP LAST NIGHT BECAUSE YOU WERE SCARED OF THE THUNDER-STORM!
I'M NOT A SCAREDY-CAT LIKE KEVIN!
I'M NOT SCARED OF THUNDER!
YOU HAVE TO RETURN TO BED, YOU STILL HAVE A FEVER
WHY SHOULD I BE SCARED OF LIGHTNING AND THUNDER?
I LOVE THEM!
I WAITED FOR YOU THE WHOLE TIME... YOU DIDN'T RETURN TO YOUR ROOM, DID YOU?!

WHERE DID YOU SLEEP LAST NIGHT?!
I'm so disappointed... Kevin is actually a scaredy-cat...
.....
IN A SERIOUSLY UNCOMFORTABLE SITUATION
WE'LL BE HAVING BREAK-FAST
SHORTLY...
OKAY NICK. QUIT CHIT-CHATTING,
AND RETURN TO YOUR ROOM.

BARK!
BARK!
WHAT IS IT, CLIFF?
BARK!
BARK!
CRASH

KEVIN
?
CRACK

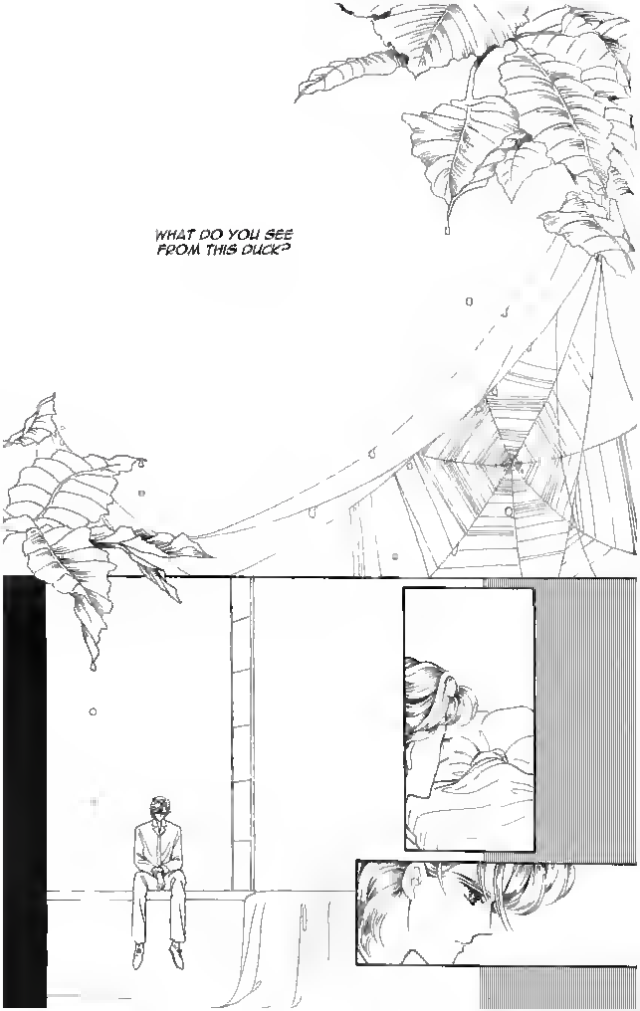
ROSE-
MARY!

WHAT HAPPENED?!
ROSEMARY!!
ROSEMARY!!
IT'S BETTER IF YOU DON'T MOVE HER TOO MUCH, KEVIN...
WHAT'S WRONG WITH ROSEMARY, GLORIA!?
I DON'T KNOW, I'M A HUMAN DOCTOR!
THEN WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
I DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO TAKE HER TEMPERATURE!
WE SHOULD TAKE HER TO A VET!

WHAT IS IT? WHAT'S GOING ON?
SETTT
NOTHING
A VASE HAS JUST BROKEN, THAT'S ALL.
ROSEMARY,
OKAY NICK, LET'S HEAD BACK TO BED,
I'LL HOLD YOUR HAND UNTIL YOU FALL ASLEEP, OKAY?
FOR REAL!?

LATELY, THERE ARE SOME OF HOUSE PETS WHICH BECOME ILL BECAUSE OF STRESS
SOME OF THEM EVEN DIED FROM SUICIDE
NO APPAR-ENT WOUND.
IT JUST NEED TO REST FOR A FEW DAYS
STRESS ?
THE CAUSE WAS STRESS
SUI-CIDE?!
IF THAT'S SO, WHY IS IT THAT YOU HAVEN'T REALIZED THE CONDITION OF THIS DUCK?
POSE-MARY ISN'T JUST A PET! SHE'S PART OF THE FAMILY!
what do you mean, sir?!
I'VE SEEN MANY PETS AND LIVESTOKE IN THE PAST,
BUT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I SEE SOMEONE LETTING A DUCK SLEEPING ON A BED
ads

WHY DIDN'T YOU PAY MORE ATTENTION TO IT?
FOR A DUCK SO IMPORTANT TO BE PUT ON A SILK BED-SHEET,
EVEN IF ANIMALS CAN'T SPEAK, YOU SHOULD HAVE REALIZED SOMETHING WAS WRONG.
THERE'S BOUND TO BE SIGNS OR INDICA-TIONS
OCCUPED BEFORE IT FAINTED, THAT SHOULD'VE BEEN NOTICED


WHAT DO YOU SEE FROM THIS DUCK?

ROSEMARY
HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN...
SINCE YOU FIRST COME TO LIVE WITH ME?
I HAVE PREPARED YOUR TEA AND MUFFIN
YOU'RE ALWAYS KIND
WELCOME HOME, KEVIN!
YOU MUST BE HUNGRY!
I DIDN'T REALIZE IT BUT I'VE COME TO THINK OF YOU AS MY FAMILY EVEN AS A MOTHER
I WAS BEING SPOILED...
NATURALLY, YOU'VE BEEN GIVING YOUR ALL

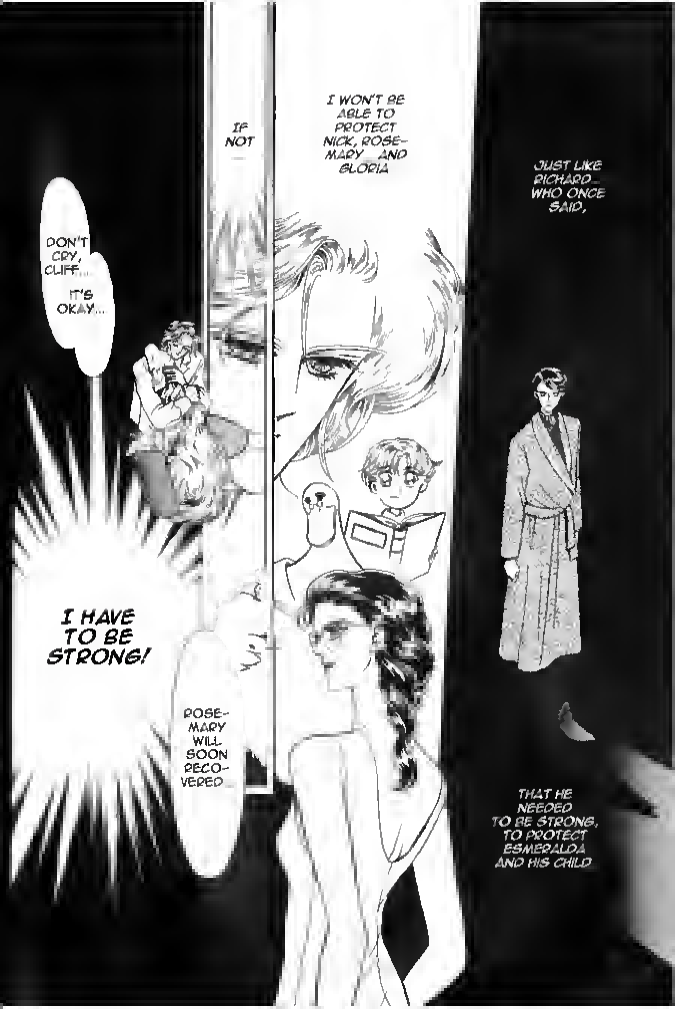
I FORGOT THAT YOU ARE A FRAGILE LITTLE DUCK
"door closes"

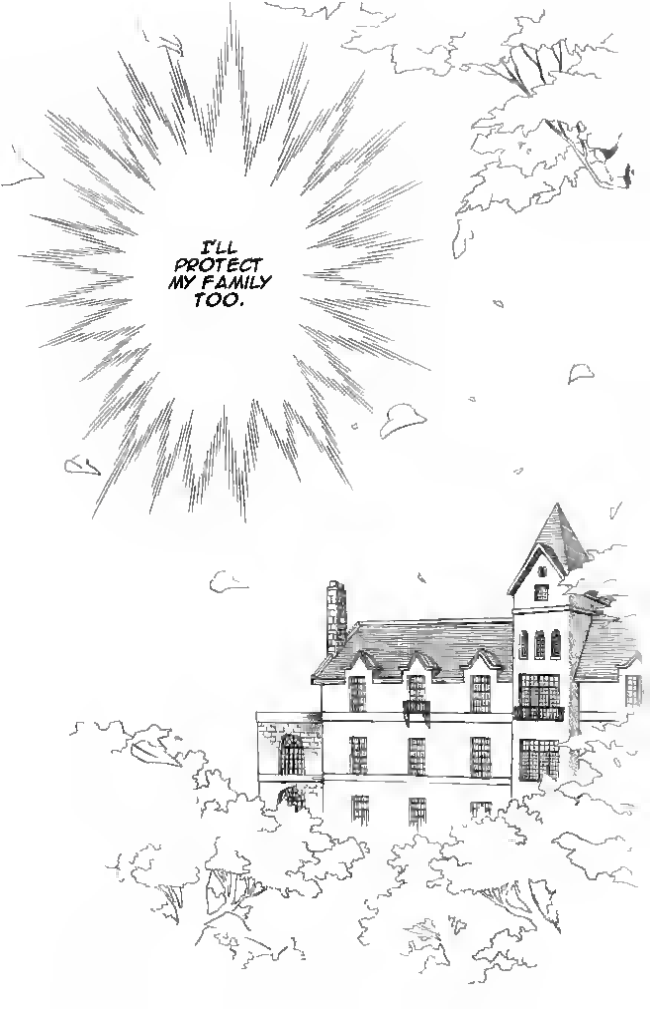
YOU KNEW, DIDN'T YOU, CLIFF?
ROSE-MARY HASN'T BEEN WELL
DO YOU HAVE DUST IN YOUR EYES?
.....
IT'S NOT DUST... IT'S TEARS
ARE YOU CRYING?

I DIDN'T KNOW..
I NEVER KNEW!!
ROSE-MARY...
IT WAS YOU BECAUSE OF YOU
I LOVE YOU
I CAN FACE NUMEROUS OBSTACLES
PROBLEMS ABOUT WORK, ABOUT NICK...
BECAUSE OF YOUR SUPPORT,
I TRULY LOVE YOU...
I HAVE THE CONFIDENCE TO LOVE GLORIA..
BUT!!

I WAS BLIND!
BECAUSE ROSEMARY'S IMPORTANT TO ME... BECAUSE I LOVE HER...
I WAS BEING NAIVE!
I WAS THINKING THAT SHE CAN'T BE UNHAPPY, SHE CAN'T BE UNWELL!
I WANTED
I WANT HER TO ALWAYS BE HAPPY TO BE HEALTHY
PERHAPS I REFUSED TO SEE ANY CHANGES IN HER...
NOTHING'S PERFECT IN THIS WORLD

BECAUSE THERE ARE SOULS THAT ARE IMPORTANT
THAT DAY
IN FRONT OF GRANDMOTHER'S GRAVE
UNDER THE SOFT LIGHT OF THE SUN,
I SHOULD'VE LEARNED MY LESSON FROM THERE
DON'T CRY
"whimper"
CLIFF'S TEARS
DON'T ROLL DOWN ON HIS CHEEK UNLIKE HUMAN'S


DON'T CRY, CLIFF... IT'S OKAY...
I HAVE TO BE STRONG!
IF NOT
I WON'T BE ABLE TO PROTECT NICK, ROSEMARY AND GLORIA
ROSEMARY WILL SOON RECOVERED
JUST LIKE RICHARD WHO ONCE SAID,
THAT HE NEEDED TO BE STRONG, TO PROTECT ESMERALDA AND HIS CHILD

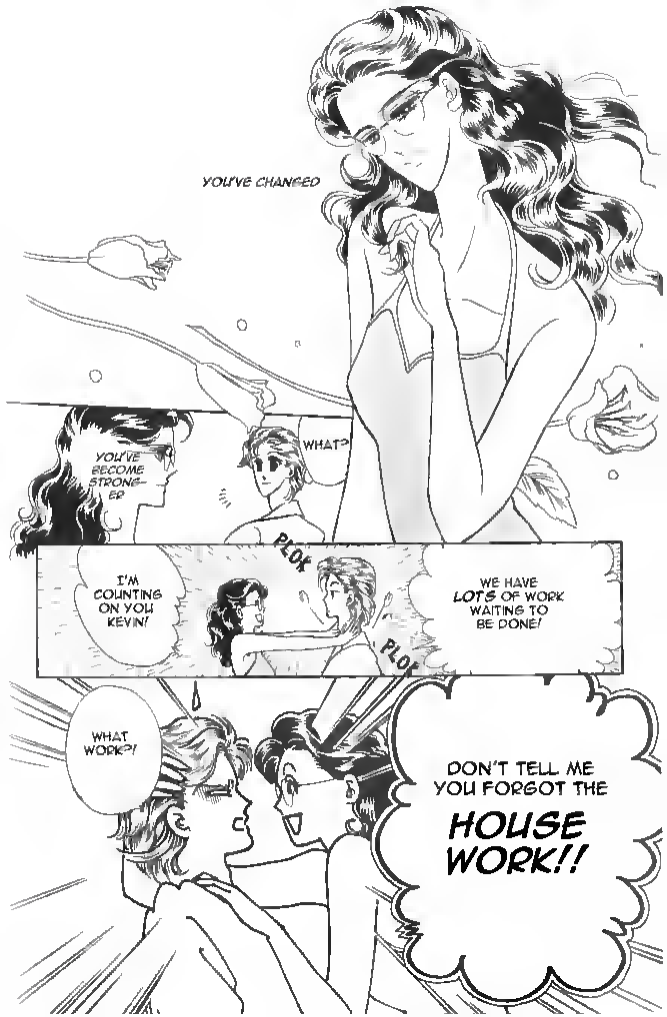

I'LL PROTECT MY FAMILY TOO.

rustle rustle
YOU HAVE A BAD HABIT
MY FEELINGS ARE BEING IGNORED
TAKE ME AS YOUR BEST FRIEND
WHEN SOMETHING HAPPENS,
YOU IMMEDIATELY WITHDRAW IN SOLITUDE
I FEEL LIKE ...

I'M NO LONGER
ALONE
HM?
I WON'T DO THINGS LIKE THAT ANYMORE
I WILL NO LONGER BE DRAWN INTO MY PROBLEMS

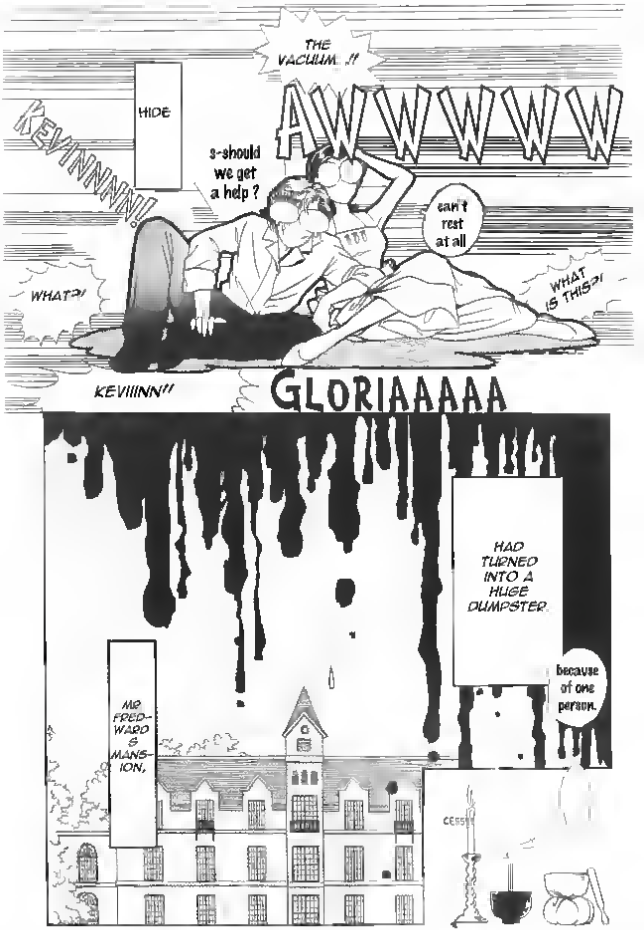
SUMMER AND ITS RAIN...
MANY THINGS HAPPENED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR...
TOO MANY.
USUALLY I COULD OVER COME THEM WITH ROSE-MARY
SUMMER RAIN... SO COLD.
I MADE HER WORRIED.
THE SUN IS SO BRIGHT... IT WAS LIKE A DREAM
WHEN ROSEMARY WAKES UP, WE SHALL GATHER AND HAVE SOME TALK

THIS SHOULDN'T BE DELAYED.
WE SHOULD APOLOGIZE PROPERLY TO HER
BUT NOW WE SHALL LET HER REST.


YOU'VE CHANGED
WHAT?
YOU'VE BECOME STRONGER
PLOK
PLOK
I'M COUNTING ON YOU KEVIN!
WE HAVE LOTS OF WORK WAITING TO BE DONE!
WHAT WORK?!
DON'T TELL ME YOU FORGOT THE HOUSE WORK!!

HOUSE WORK...
UHHHHH
UHHHHH
"TAKING CARE OF THE HOUSE"
MEANS "HOUSE WORK"
WHILE ROSEMARY IS RESTING EVERYONE ELSE TAKES CARE OF THE HOUSE
AS YOU MIGHT HAVE GUESSED...
IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS
CAN YOU TELL WHO IS BEING THE MOST TROUBLESOME PERSON IN THE HOUSE?
AAAAWW..!!
KEVIN...
KEVIN!

THE WASHING MACHINE'S OOZING BUBBLES!
ESMERALDA!! DID YOU PUT IN THE WHOLE BOX OF DETERGENT?!!
AAAWW!!
KEVIN! GLORIA!
Trololol lololol
THE WASHING MACHINE'S DANCING!
DRAK DROK DRAK
shoot
samba rumba
DON'T PUT IN TOO MANY CLOTHES!



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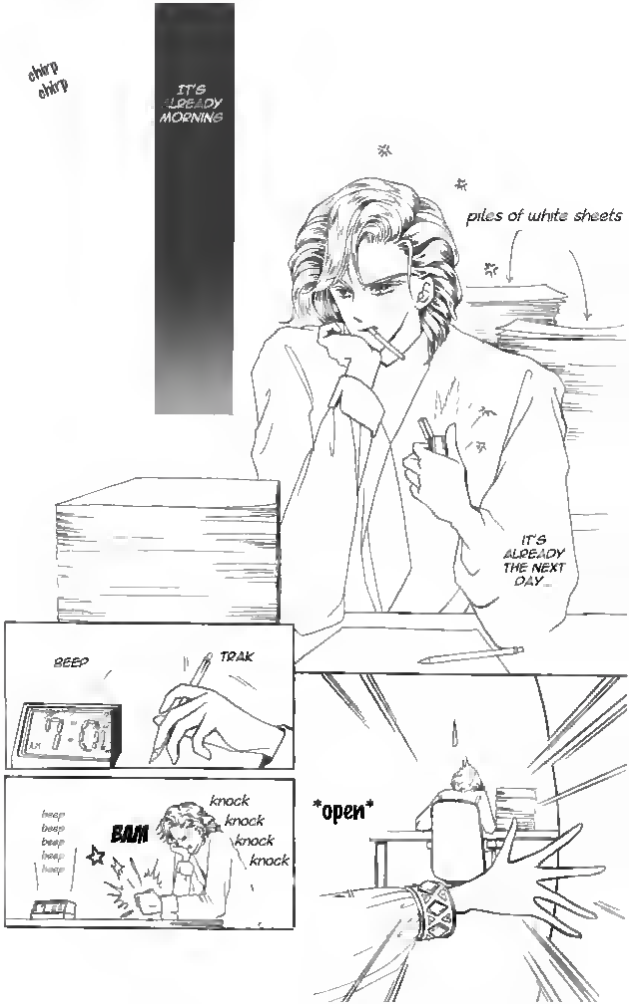
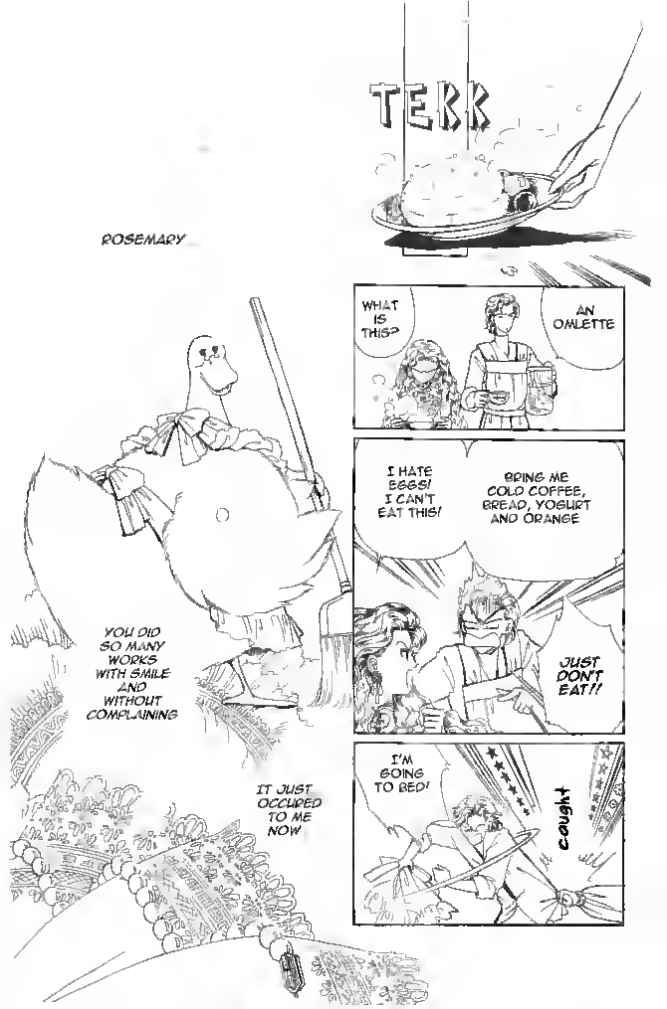

chirp
chirp
IT'S ALREADY MORNING
piles of white sheets
IT'S ALREADY THE NEXT DAY...
BEEP
TRAK
7:00
beep
beep
beep
beep
beep
BAM
knock
knock
knock
knock
open

COULD YOU MAKE ME BREAKFAST?
GOOD MORNING, KEVIN!
IT'S A NEW DAY!
LISTEN, ESME-RALDA
YES?
I HAVE FOUR DRAFTS TO FINISH, PLUS HOUSE WORKS,
IN ADDITION, I DIDN'T GET ANY SLEEP LAST NIGHT TENDING YOU
I'M VERY, VERY TIRED
poor Kevin!
THAT'S WHY FOR ONCE
MAKE YOUR OWN DAMN BREAKFAST!
YOU FREE-LOADER!
AAA
AAAA

I UNDERSTAND, I'LL TRY!
GOOD!
SATTT
DRARK
WAIT!
STUPID!
whisk whisk whisk
YESTERDAY... ESMERALDA DID CHORES FOR THE FIRST TIME, BUT...
SHE ALREADY BROKE MY VACUUM CLEANER, MICROWAVE, WASHING MACHINE...
A WINDOW, A GLASS, FIVE PLATES, AND A VASE
LAST BUT NOT LEAST, SHE ALSO BURNT GLORIA'S SHIRT AND MINE.
TWO DAYS LIVING IN TORTURE
ROSEMARY HASN'T REGAINED HER CONSCIOUSNESS YET.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ROSEMARY
WHAT IS THIS?
AN OMLETTE
I HATE EGGS! I CAN'T EAT THIS!
BRING ME COLD COFFEE, BREAD, YOGURT AND ORANGE
JUST DON'T EAT!!
I'M GOING TO BED!
caught
YOU DID SO MANY WORKS WITH SMILE AND WITHOUT COMPLAINING
IT JUST OCCURED TO ME NOW

HOW DO YOU MAKE BABY FOOD?
KKHHH
YOU SHOULD MAKE YOUR BABY'S FOOD YOURSELF! HE'S YOURS AFTER ALL, ISN'T HE!?
HIIIIIH
PRANGG!
KLING!
AND SO,
IF HE REALLY IS MY SON, HE WOULDN'T WANT TO EAT ANYTHING MASHED
ESMERALDA'S COOKING TIME
WUSS
SECOND, CAREFULLY READ THE RECIPE BOOK
WUSH
WUSH
WUSH
what should I make?
WATCH WHAT YOU'RE DOING, YOU IDIOT! YOU JUST BURNED ROSEMARY'S FAVORITE PAN!
he's concerned
DEK
WUSH
WUSH
WUSH
DEK
DOK
IT BURNS!! GYYYAAA

I CAN'T RECALL THE COOKING STEPS ROSEMARY TAUGHT ME THE OTHER DAY
FINE! I'LL TEACH YOU! WHERE'S THE BOOK?
KEVIN
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR HANDS ..?
IT'S NOTHING -
SSHHHH
DID YOU MAKE THIS?
YOU HAVE MANY SKILLS, DON'T YOU?
I MADE IT A LONG TIME AGO. I WAS WORRIED IT WASN'T ANY GOOD
MY
YOU FINISHED IT ALL, DIDN'T YOU, NICK?
IS IT GOOD?
slurp
IT'S YUM-MY!
REAL-LY ??

I WANT TO GROW UP
HEALTHY AND STRONG AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
HOW IS ROSEMARY?
SHE SAID SHE WANTED SOME DAY OFF.
BECAUSE SHE'S BEEN WORKING HARD.
DOES THAT MEAN
YEAH, THAT'LL BE OKAY
YOU WILL BE THE ONE TO BRING ME FOOD AND MEDICINE NOW?
CAN YOU READ ME A BOOK TOO?
I LOVE KEVIN'S FOOD THE MOST!
Dearly
he's so different from Esmeralda
so cute

I'M HOME!
WELCOME! YOU MUST BE TIRED FROM THE NIGHT SHIFT.
WHAT DO YOU HAVE THERE?
I STOPPED BY THE MORNING MARKET.
I'LL COOK THIS FOR DINNER
YOU CAN COOK?!
that's rude!
I LIVED WITH MY SISTER IN AN APARTMENT BACK IN SCHOOL DAYS AND I WAS IN CHARGE OF COOKING OUR MEAL.
I CAN'T GUARANTEE THE TASTE, THOUGH.
IT'S LIKE HEAVEN HAS SENT US A GUARDIAN ANGEL...
what are you talking about?
HUUUU
TUNG
TUNG

I've made it!
TOTAL MESS
A MEAL FOR MY PRECIOUS JOSHUA!
YOU MADE A MESS AGAIN...!
GLORIA!
FIRST TIME IN YOUR LIFE?!
Isn't he your super chef?
M-HM! BECAUSE, USUALLY THE BABYSITTER OR ROSEMARY MADE IT!
I WANTED TO TRY TO MAKE IT MYSELF!
mom
mommy..
THIS IS JOSHUA'S MEAL. KEVIN TOLD ME HOW TO COOK THIS! I MADE IT MYSELF FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE!

JOSHUA, LOOK HERE,
MOMMY MADE IT FOR YOU!
THE MOST DELICIOUS FOOD IN THE WHOLE WORLD
AA.
YUM!
blegh
BAZF BAZF
JOSHUA!! ARE YOU OKAY?
KIIIIII
DAK DOK DAK
IYAKK IYAKK
PLANK!
AHHH!
DRIP
BLUP
BLUP

JOSHUA YOU'RE SO CRUEL!
MOMMY DID HER BEST TO MAKE IT FOR YOU!
sniff
WAAAAAG
I'M THE ONE WHO WANT TO CRY!!
ESMERALDA!
DO YOU UNDERSTAND NOW?
THE FACT THAT SOMETHING YOU WORKED SO HARD ON...
WAS NOT APPRECIATED
HOW MUCH IT HURTS OUR FEELINGS?
IF YOU KEEP SPOILING HIM,
HE...
HE WILL HAVE NO SENSE OF APPRECIATION
AND HATE EVERYTHING
WILL TURN OUT JUST LIKE YOU IN THE FUTURE

HE WILL BECOME AN UGLY, VAIN, AND MISERABLE PERSON.
KE-VIN!
THAT'S ENOUGH!!
HURRY TAKE THAT KID AND GO BACK TO THE CITY.

GRAB
PLAPPP!
RETTT
chirp
chirp
HUPPP!

KEVIN DIDN'T MEAN IT WHEN HE TOLD YOU TO LEAVE
DON'T TAKE IT TO HEART
This person fought all the time too
HE'S JUST TIRED ROSEMARY IS STILL UNCONSCIOUS
I GOT IT! GET OUT OF MY WAY!
You can't hang clothes like that
THE WATER SPILLS EVERY-WHERE!!
I don't need your help!
HAS IT DRIED PRO-PER-LY?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?
HANGING CLOTHES!
hungry

SEE? IF IT'S ONLY HOUSE-WORK,
I CAN DO IT TOO!
RIG-HT!
BUT IT'D HAVE BEEN BETTER IF YOU USED THE CLOTHESPIN
NACK!
fall
I'LL NEED TO WASH THEM AGAIN.
THEY'RE FULL OF DIRT...
BECAUSE I'M SWEATY,
MY MAKE UP IS A MESS!
MY HAIR IS A MESS! MY SKIN IS ROUGH AND I BROKE MY NAILS!
WELL JUST TAKE IT EASY
I'M A REAL GOOD FOR NOT-HING.
I CAN ONLY BOTHER PEOPLE
CAN'T DO ANY-THING AT ALL.
EACH PERSON HAS HIS OWN STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES
I'VE TURNED INTO AN UGLY OLD HAG!

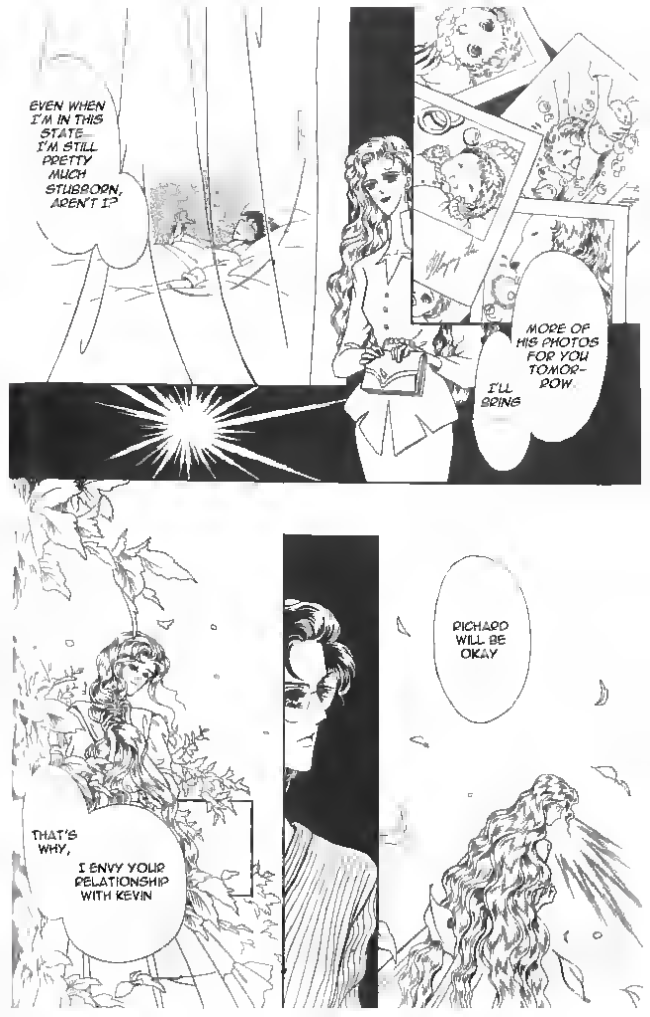
IF RICHARD SEES ME LIKE THIS... HE WILL NOT LIKE ME ANYMORE...
YOU'RE ALREADY PRETTY AS YOU ARE, ESMERALDA.
I SMELL LIKE A CHEAP SOAP ALL OVER, YOU KNOW!
YOU SMELL LIKE KEVIN'S COLOGNE... GLORIA
ESMERALDA!

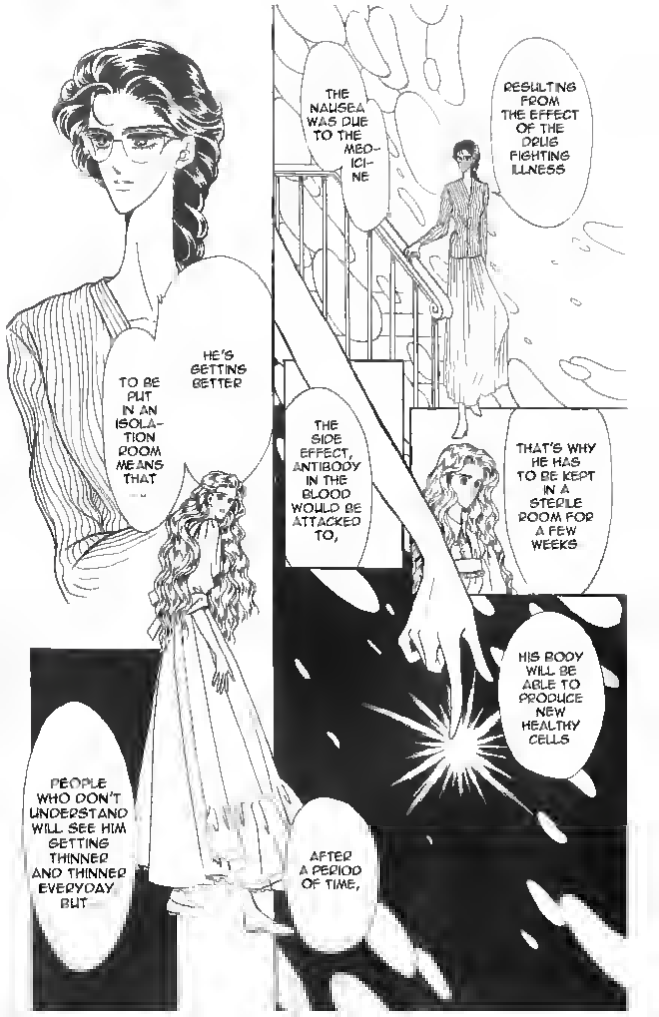
WHEN I THINK IT OVER
AND HIS CURRENT GIRL-FRIEND.
YOU AND I HAVE AN ODD RELATION-SHIP.
KEVIN'S EX-GIRL-FRIEND,

WHAT'S WITH YOU ALL OF A SUD-DEN?
WH...
DID I OFFEND YOU?
"TURNS"
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH ME
I'M FINE WITH THAT!
DON'T GO!
IF YOU FEEL OFFEN-DED I APOLO-GIZE
IT WASN'T MY INTENT-ION

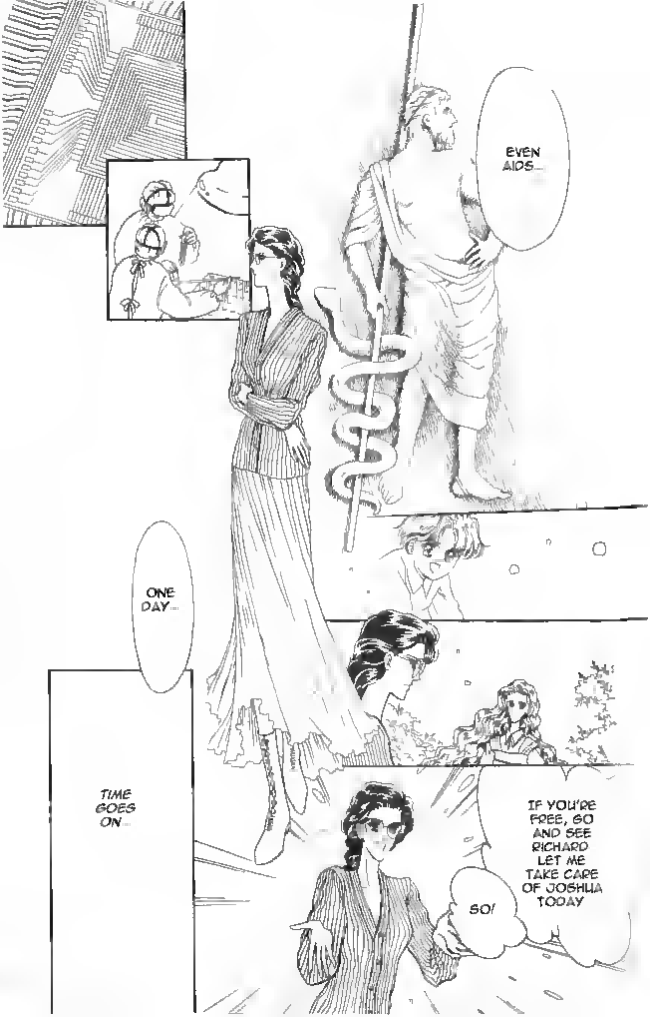
PLEASE
DON'T LEAVE ME BY MYSELF
WHAT HAPPENED WITH RICHARD
HE... WAS PUT INTO
QUA-RANTI-NE ROOM.

WE WERE SEPARATED. I COULDN'T EVEN HUG HIM, THOUGH I WANTED IT.
THROUGH A THICK VEIL...
EVERY-TIME I VISITED HIM, HE WAS GETTING THINNER AND THINNER.
JOSHUA IS GETTING BIGGER, ISN'T HE?
SO YOU COULD SEE HIM IN PERSON, INSTEAD OF PICTURES.
I WISH I COULD BRING HIM HERE.
IT'S NOT A SUITABLE PLACE FOR A BABY.
YOU SHOULDN'T
HOSPITAL IS A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE GET TREATED
BESIDES, I DON'T WANT HIM TO SEE HIS FATHER LIKE THIS


EVEN WHEN I'M IN THIS STATE... I'M STILL PRETTY MUCH STUBBORN, AREN'T I?
I'LL BRING MORE OF HIS PHOTOS FOR YOU TOMOR-ROW.
RICHARD WILL BE OKAY
THAT'S WHY, I ENVY YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH KEVIN


RESULTING FROM THE EFFECT OF THE DRUG FIGHTING ILLNESS
THE NAUSEA WAS DUE TO THE MEDICINE
THAT'S WHY HE HAS TO BE KEPT IN A STERILE ROOM FOR A FEW WEEKS
THE SIDE EFFECT, ANTIBODY IN THE BLOOD WOULD BE ATTACKED TO,
HIS BODY WILL BE ABLE TO PRODUCE NEW HEALTHY CELLS
AFTER A PERIOD OF TIME,
HE'S GETTING BETTER
TO BE PUT IN AN ISOLATION ROOM MEANS THAT ...
PEOPLE WHO DON'T UNDERSTAND WILL SEE HIM GETTING THINNER AND THINNER EVERYDAY BUT

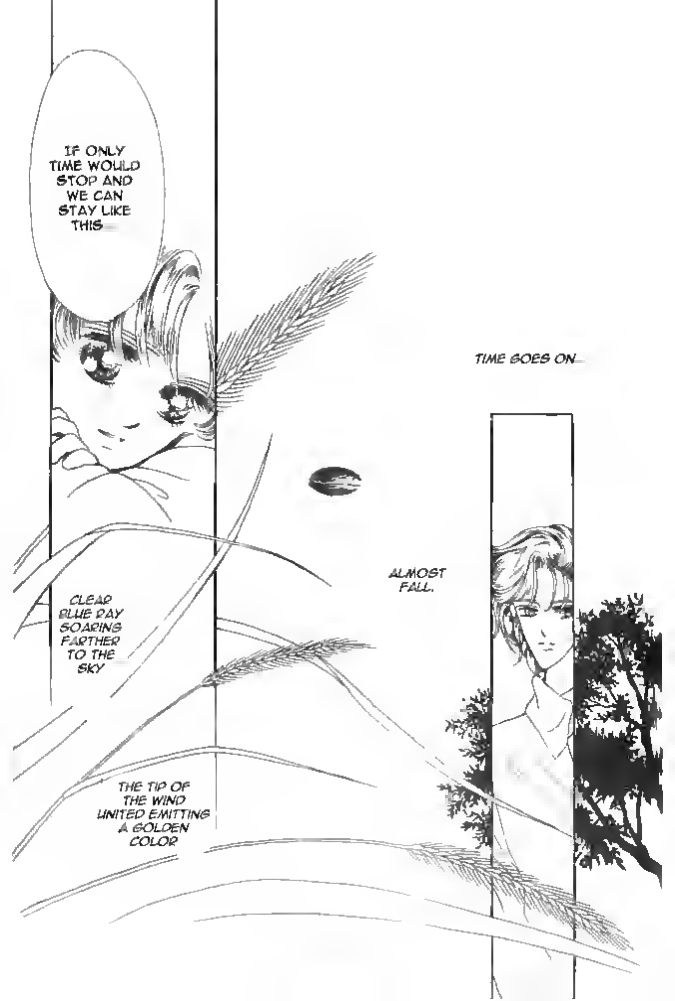
MEDICINAL RESEARCH IS PROGRESSING EACH DAY, EACH MONTH EVERY YEAR
LEUKIMIA
IS NO LONGER CONSIDERED A DEADLY DISEASE
AMONG OTHER THINGS, THERE ARE CERTAIN DIFFICULTIES, BUT
THERE ARE ALSO WORRIES OF COMPLICATION OCCURRENCE,


EVEN AIDS...
ONE DAY...
TIME GOES ON...
IF YOU'RE FREE, GO AND SEE RICHARD LET ME TAKE CARE OF JOSHUA TODAY
SO!

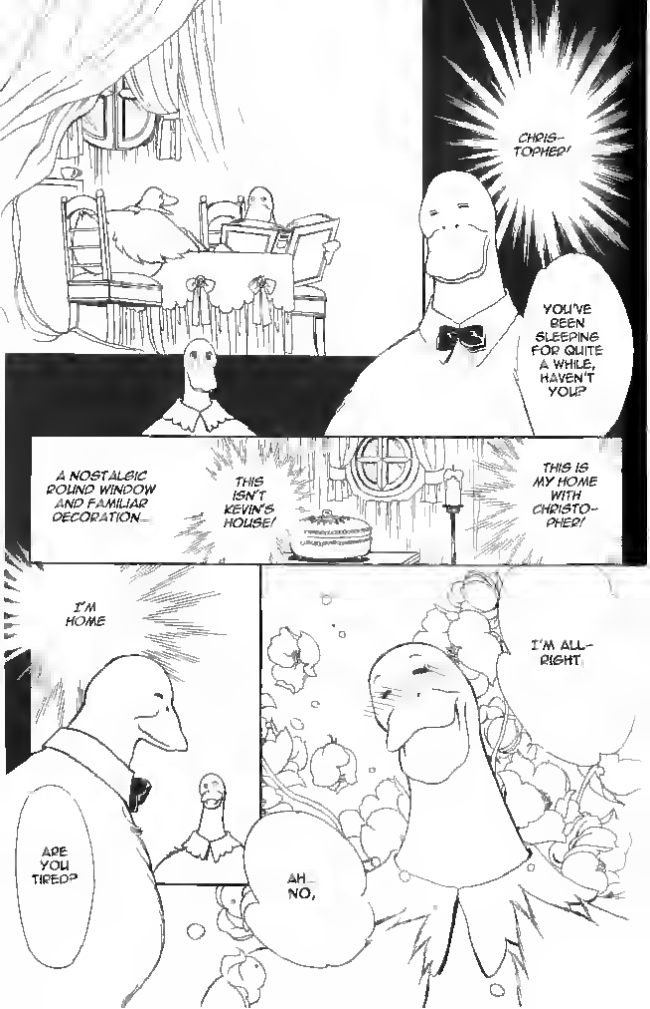
B BUT I DON'T WANT TO BE SEEN LIKE A DOMESTIC HELPER LIKE THIS!!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? DIDN'T YOU MOVE HERE SO YOU CAN STAY CLOSE TO RICHARD??
hmph
YOU DON'T EVEN CARE WHEN KEVIN YELL AT YOU!
GO AND LISTEN TO WHAT HIS DOCTOR HAS TO SAY!
IT'S IMPORTANT!
THE DOCTOR SAID... BECAUSE RICHARD'S ON A STRONG MEDS... HIS HAIR MIGHT FALL OFF...
WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO LISTEN TO THAT PART?!
EVEN IF HE'S BALD, HE'S STILL RICHARD, ISN'T HE?!
HAIR CAN ALWAYS GROW BACK!
BEING A DOMESTIC HELPER CAN'T BE COMPARED TO WHAT HE'S BEEN THROUGH!
RESIDES
IT'S GOOD FOR A LADY TO SMELL LIKE PERFUMES, BUT
CHILDREN LOVE THE SMELL OF SOAP,
AND THE SMELL OF THEIR MOTHERS' COOKING

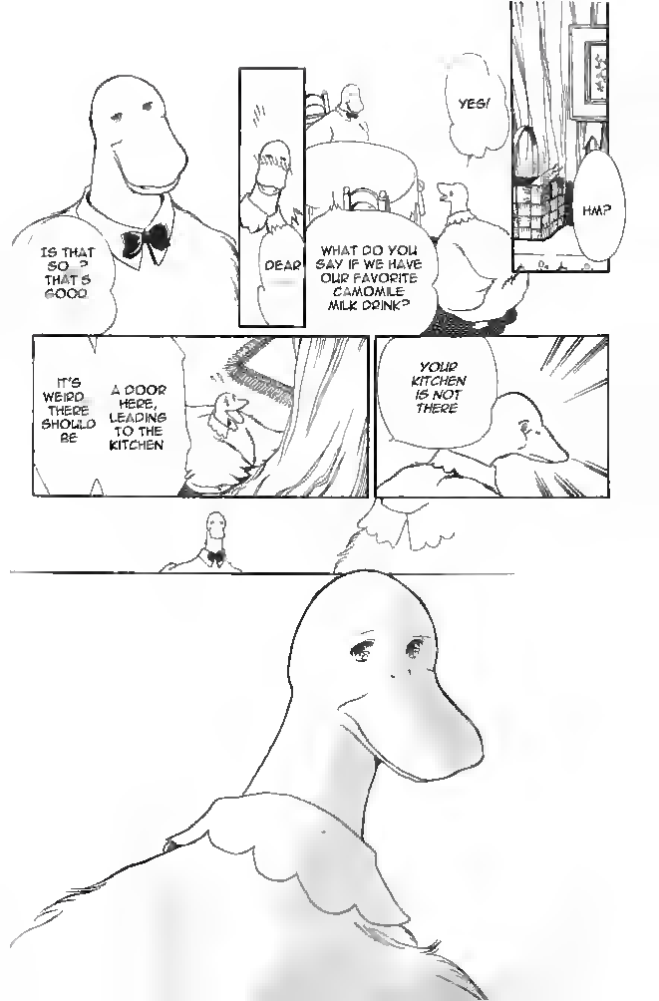
LIKE ROSE-MARY?
YES, LIKE THAT
LIKE ROSE-MARY
THE WIND IS GETTING CHILLY, ISN'T IT?
AH. IS IT UNCOM-FORT-ABLE?
NOPE, NOT AT ALL!

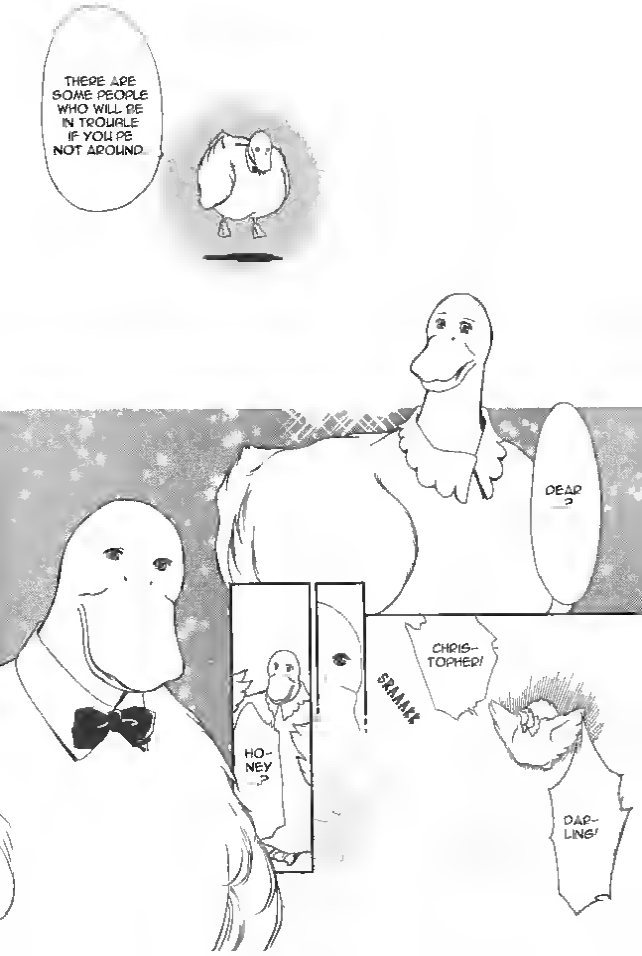
THEY'RE ACTUALLY PRETTY CLOSE, AREN'T THEY?
THAT IS TRUE PIG-HIT?
GO BACK TO THE CITY!
WHEN I BLURTED IT..
GLORIA HAD DEFENDED HER
PERHAPS THIS IS WHAT THEY CALL "FAMILY"
SOMETHING THAT WAS USUALLY CARRIED OUT BY ROSEMARY
IF ONLY TIME WOULD STOP...
ISN'T IT NICE FOR US TO BE TOGETHER LIKE THIS..
NOW IT'S MY TURN TO PROTECT THEM..


IF ONLY TIME WOULD STOP AND WE CAN STAY LIKE THIS...
TIME GOES ON...
ALMOST FALL.
CLEAR BLUE SKY SOARING FARTHER TO THE SKY
THE TIP OF THE WIND UNITED EMITTING A GOLDEN COLOR

crack
ROSE-
MARY
....
HEY
WAKE
UP
IT'S SUNNY
OUTSIDE. BUT
YOU MIGHT
GET COLD.
THAT
VOICE!


CHRIS-
TOPHER!
YOU'VE BEEN SLEEPING FOR QUITE A WHILE, HAVEN'T YOU?
A NOSTALGIC ROUND WINDOW AND FAMILIAR DECORATION...
THIS ISN'T KEVIN'S HOUSE!
THIS IS MY HOME WITH CHRISTO-PHER!
I'M HOME
I'M ALL-RIGHT
ARE YOU TIRED?
AH... NO,

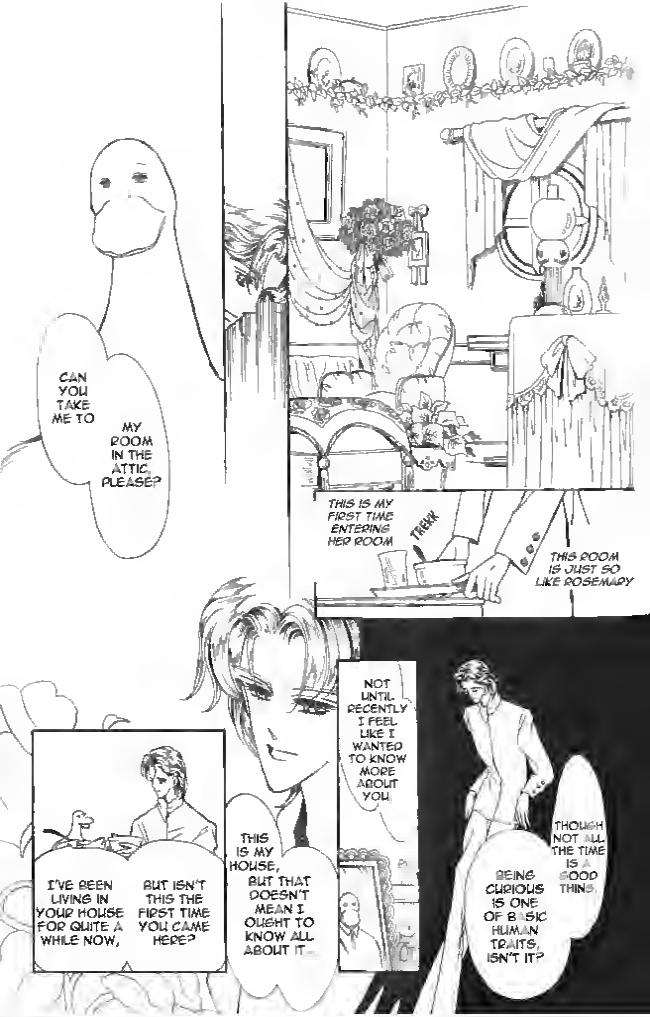

IS THAT SO ? THAT S GOOD
DEAR
WHAT DO YOU SAY IF WE HAVE OUR FAVORITE CAMOMILE MILK DRINK?
YES!
HM?
IT'S WEIRD THERE SHOULD BE
A DOOR HERE, LEADING TO THE KITCHEN
YOUR KITCHEN IS NOT THERE


THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE WHO WILL BE IN TROUBLE IF YOU'RE NOT AROUND.
DEAR?
HONEY?
SKAAAKK
CHRISTOPHER!
DARLING!

WAIT!
WHERE IS THIS ? THIS ISN'T MY HOUSE AND CHRIS-TOPHER'S

CRAP
I FELL
ASLEEP
WHAT TIME
IS IT NOW?

ROSEMARY ISN'T HERE!
bark bark!
CLIFF!
CALM DOWN!
WHY ARE - WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE??
ROSE-MARY?!
I WAS HUNGRY
OH MAN WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST WAKE ME UP?
YOU WERE FAST ASLEEP, KEVIN
I was so worried
YOU NEED TO REST
UHH... WHAT SHOULD I PREPARE? SHALL I CUT SOME FRUIT?
I WAS SLEEPING IN KEVIN'S ROOM WASN'T I?

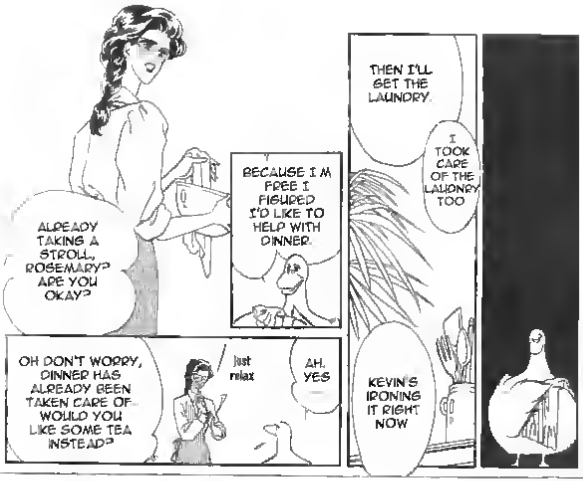

CAN YOU TAKE ME TO MY ROOM IN THE ATTIC, PLEASE?
THIS IS MY FIRST TIME ENTERING HER ROOM
THERE
THIS ROOM IS JUST SO LIKE ROSEMARY
NOT UNTIL RECENTLY I FEEL LIKE I WANTED TO KNOW MORE ABOUT YOU.
THOUGH NOT ALL THE TIME IS A GOOD THING.
BEING CURIOUS IS ONE OF BASIC HUMAN TRAITS, ISN'T IT?
THIS IS MY HOUSE, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN I OUGHT TO KNOW ALL ABOUT IT...
I'VE BEEN LIVING IN YOUR HOUSE FOR QUITE A WHILE NOW,
BUT ISN'T THIS THE FIRST TIME YOU CAME HERE?

I'M GLAD TO BE A PART OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD.
PERHAPS IT'S BETTER TO JUST BE SOMEWHERE IN THE MIDDLE.
KNOWING TOO MUCH ISN'T SUCH A GOOD THING, AFTER ALL.
KEVIN, YOU'VE MATURED.

ROSE-MARY!
PLEASE FORGIVE US FOR HAVING BEEN BOTHERING YOU!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT!
I'M OKAY
AFTER GETTING SOME REST... I HAVE RECOVERED
PLEASE DON'T SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT, OR YOU'LL BE JINXED BY THIS PERSON
YOU KNOW, SHE'S BEEN WAITING FOR YOU TO GET WELL!
ROSEMARY! IF YOU NEED ANYTHING, DON'T HESITATE TO TELL HIM!
BECAUSE HE'S THE BEST CARETAKER YOU CAN HAVE!
IN THAT CASE
MAY I ASK YOU A FAVOR?

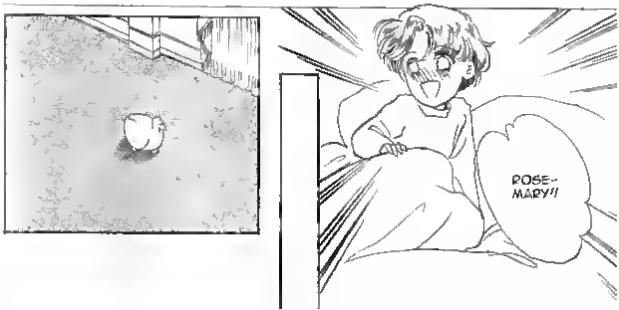
I WANT TO EAT YOGURT WITH HONEY
YES! HERE IT IS!
SEITT
I'VE BEEN LYING DOWN FOR TOO LONG, MY MUSCLES ARE SORE
LET ME MASSAGE THEM FOR YOU!
I WANT TO EAT PLUMS OH AND DON'T FORGET TO TEND MY ROSE GARDEN
IS THERE ANY-THING ELSE?
HMM, CAN YOU SCRATCH MY BACK?
ROSEMARY SURE GIVES US SOME WORK
DRRRRR
I never knew
HAAAA
A FEW DAYS LATER...
tee hee
the medicine is too good!
AND I'M CURED COMPLE-TELY!
SINCE I'M FREE I'M GOING TO CHECK ON JOSHUA
very tired

JOSHUA, PLEASE EAT A LITTLE...
THIS MIGHT BE JUST CARROT PORRIDGE...
BUT IF YOU DON'T EAT, YOU WILL GET SICK...
oh my..
will they be alright?
GRET
UHHH!
JOSHUA! STOP ACTING -OUT! IF NOT,
I'M REALLY GONNA BE ANGRY!
WHATEVER! DO AS YOU WANT!
MOMMY'S GONNA FINISH YOUR MEAL!
nom nom
OPP?
OKKK
OPP OPP
Tastes terrible !! I hate carrot the most
MOM... MOM- MAAA...
YOU'RE EATING?? YOU WILL EAT THIS?
I'M EATING CARROT THAT I HATED SO MUCH THAT'S WHY,
SHALL WE EAT TOGET-HER?
IT TASTES GOOD, RIGHT, JOSHUA? DON T GROW UP LIKE ME, OKAY SWEETY ?

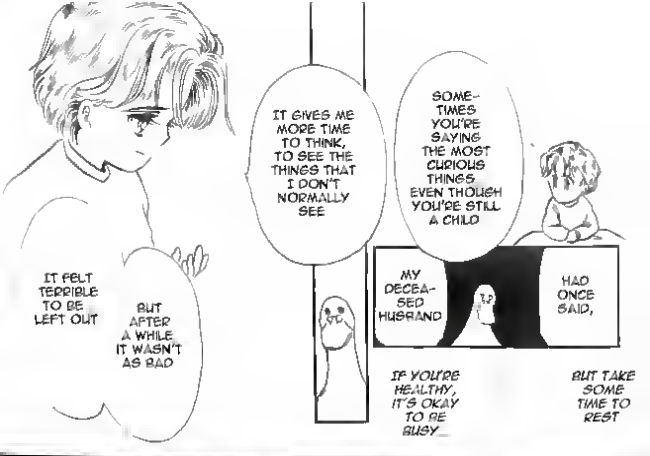

ALREADY TAKING A STROLL, ROSEMARY? ARE YOU OKAY?
BECAUSE I'M FREE I FIGURED I'D LIKE TO HELP WITH DINNER.
OH DON'T WORRY, DINNER HAS ALREADY BEEN TAKEN CARE OF. WOULD YOU LIKE SOME TEA INSTEAD?
Just relax
AH, YES
THEN I'LL GET THE LAUNDRY.
I TOOK CARE OF THE LAUNDRY TOO
KEVIN'S IRONING IT RIGHT NOW

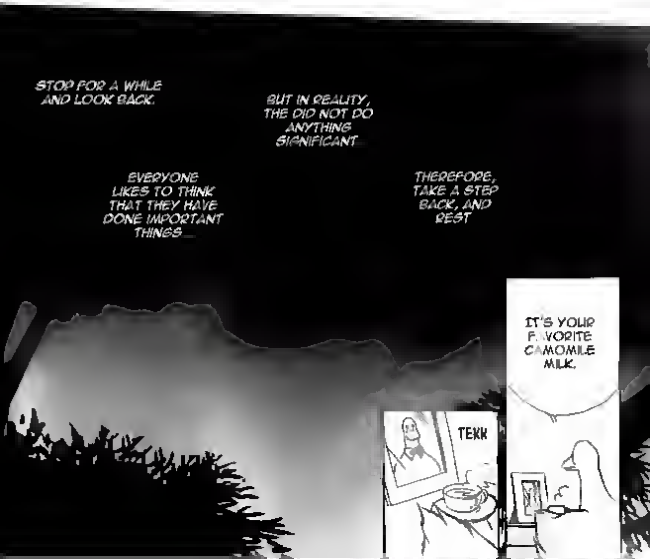
IT FEELS LIKE

THERE'S NOTHING MORE I CAN DO



THEY SAID YOU TOOK SOME DAY OFF IN A VACATION? IT TOOK SO LONG!
am I bothering you?
GRAAAH
of cours not!
DID YOU EAT?
YEP, KEVIN FED ME
ME-DI-CI-NE?
YES, DOCTOR DID
THEN SHALL I READ YOU A STORY?
KEVIN ALREADY READ THEM TO ME
I FEEL LIKE I WAS JUST GONE FOR A WHILE...
BUT IT SEEMS THAT THERE'S NOTHING LEFT FOR ME TO DO
I'M BORED IF I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO..
I USED TO FEEL THAT WAY TOO...


IT FELT TERRIBLE TO BE LEFT OUT
BUT AFTER A WHILE IT WASN'T AS BAD
IT GIVES ME MORE TIME TO THINK, TO SEE THE THINGS THAT I DON'T NORMALLY SEE
SOME-TIMES YOU'RE SAYING THE MOST CURIOUS THINGS EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE STILL A CHILD
MY DECEA-SED HUSBAND
HAO ONCE SAID,
IF YOU'RE HEALTHY, IT'S OKAY TO BE BUSY...
BUT TAKE SOME TIME TO REST


STOP FOR A WHILE AND LOOK BACK.
BUT IN REALITY, THE DID NOT DO ANYTHING SIGNIFICANT.
EVERYONE LIKES TO THINK THAT THEY HAVE DONE IMPORTANT THINGS...
THEREFORE, TAKE A STEP BACK, AND REST
IT'S YOUR FAVORITE CAMOMILE MILK.
TEKK

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